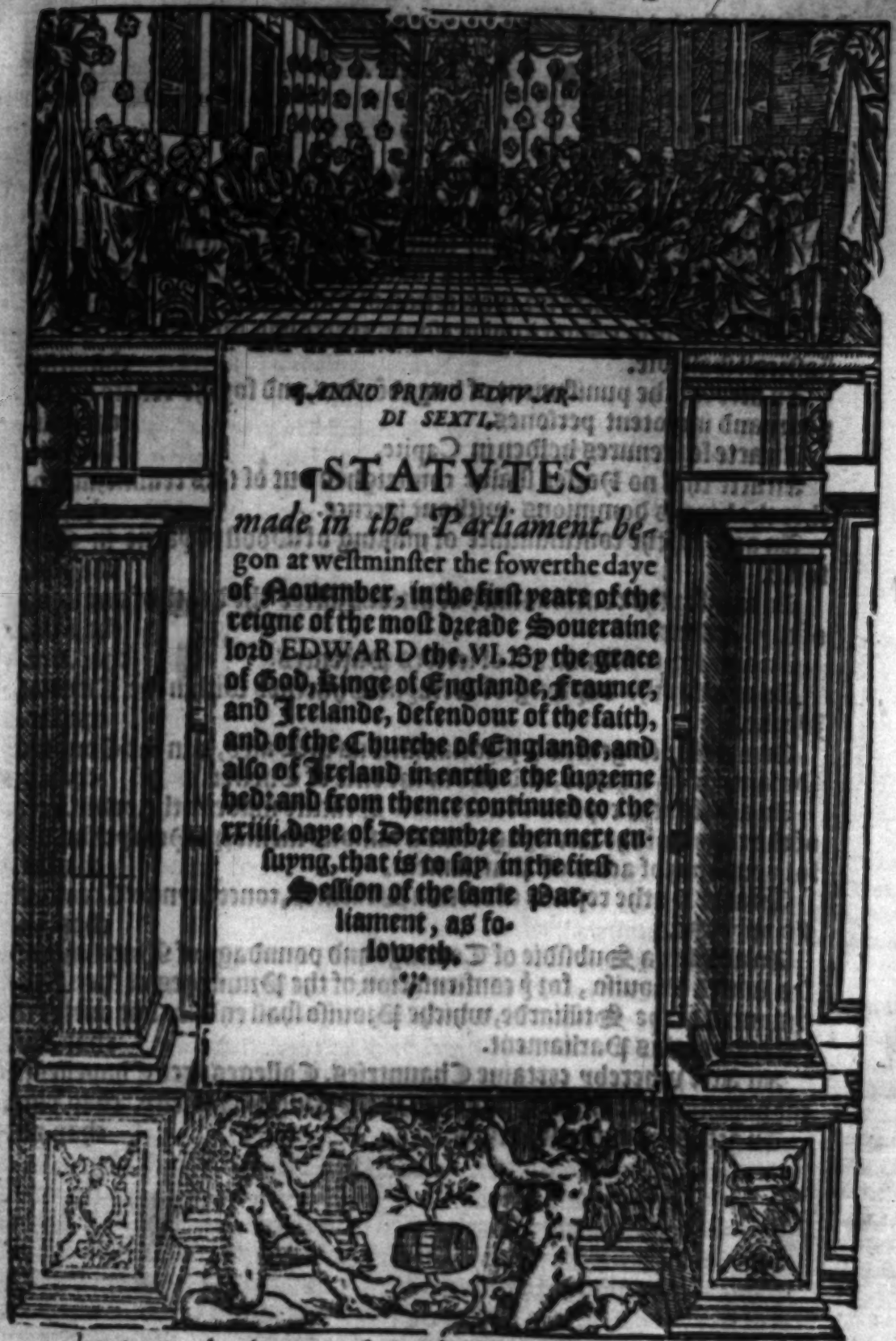

¶ ANNO PRIMO EDWARDI SEXTI.

¶ STATVTES

made in the Parliament be-

gon at westminster the fowerthe daye of Nouember, in the first yeare of the reigne of the most dreade Soueraine lord EDWARD the. VI. By the grace of God, Kinge of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the faith, and of the Churche of Englande, and also of Irelande in earthe the supreme hed: and from thence continued to the xviiii. daye of Decembre thennert ensuyng, that is to say in the first Session of the same Parliament, as followeth.

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see Burnet's hist. of the Reformatio Vol. 2. p. 39.

¶ The first Chapiter.

THE Kinges moste excellent Maiestie minding the gouernaunce & order of his moste louing subiects to be in moste perfite vnitie and concord, in al thinges, & in especial, in the true faith & Religion of God, & wishinge the same to be brought to passe with all clemency and mercy, on his highnesse parte towardes them, as his moste Princely sirenity & Maiestye hath alreadye declared by euident proufe to thintent that hys moste louing subiects prouoked by clemency & goodnesse of their Prince & kyng, shall studye rather for loue, the for feare to doe theire duties, first to almighty God, & then to his highnesse & the common wealth, nourishyng concord & loue emong them selues: yet cõsidereth & perceyueth that in a multitude al bee not on that sort, that reason and the knowledge of their duityes cã moue them from offence, but many, which had nede haue some bridle of feare, & that the same be men moste contencious & arrogante for the moste parte, or elles most blinde & ignoraunt: by the meanes of whych sort of men, many things well & godlye instituted, & to the edificacion of many, be peruerted & abused, & turned to their own & others great losse & hinderaunce, & some time to extreme destruction: the which doth appeare in nothing more or soner, then in matters of Religion, and in the great & high misteries therof, as in the moste comfortable Sacrament of the body & bloud of our sauiour Jesus Christe, commonly called the Sacramente of the Aulter, and in scripture, the‡ Supper and * Table of the Lord, the‡ Communion * and partaking of the body and bloud of Christe: which Sacrament was instituted of no lesse aucthor, then of our Sauiour, both God & man, when at his last supper emongst his Apostles he did take þ bread into his holy handes, & did say ‡ Take you & eate, this is my body, which is * geuen & ‡ broken for you. And taking lykewise þ * chalice or cup, did geue thãks & say, This is my bloud of the newe testamẽt, which is shed for you * & for many, for the remission of sinnes, þ ‡ whensoeuer we should do þ same, we should do it in þ remẽbrãce of him, & to declare & set forth his death & most glorious passiõ, vntil his cõming. Of þ which * bread, whosoeuer eateth, or of þ which cup whosoeuer drynketh vnworthely, eateth & drinketh condẽpnation & iudgement to him selfe, making no difference of the Lordes body. The institucion of which Sacramente being ordeyned by Christe, as is before said, and the said woordes spoken of it here before rehearsed, being of eternal, infallible, & vnboubted trueth: yet the said Sacramẽt (al this notwithstanding) hath been of late mutcrously abused by suche ma-

‡ 1. Cor. 11.
* 1. Cor. 8
‡ 1. Cor. 10.
* 1. Cor. 10
‡ Math. 26.
* Luke. 22
‡ 1. Cor. 11
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‡ Marke. 14.
* Luke. 21
‡ Marke. 14
* Math. 26
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* 1. Cor. 11.

ner of men before rehearsed, who of wickednesse, or els of ignorannce & want of learning for certein abuses, heretofore, committed of some, in misusing therof, haue condempned in their hartes and speche, ꝑ whole thing, and contemptuously depraued, despised, or reuiled the same most holy and blessed Sacrament, and not onely disputed & reasoned vnreuerently and vngodly of that most high misterye, but also in theire sermons: preachinges, readinges, lectures, communicacions, arguments, talkes, rimes, songes, plaies, or gestes, name, or call it by suche vile and vnsemely woordes, as Christian eares doe abhorre to heare rehersed: for reformacion whereof be it enacted by the Kings highnesse with the assent of the Lordes spirytual and temporall, & of the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthority of the same, that whatsoeuer persone or persons, from, and after the first daye of May next comming, shall depraue, despise or contemne the saide most blessed Sacrament, in contempt therof by any contempteous woordes, or by any wordes of deprauing, despising, or reuiling: or what person, or persons, shal aduisedly in any otherwise contemne, despise, or reuile ꝑ saide most blessed Sacrament, contrary to the effectes, & declaracion aboue saide, that then he, or they, shall suffer imprisonment, of his, or their bodies & make fine & raunsome at the kinges will & pleasure.

And for full and effectual execucion of the premisses before deuysed, ordeined and enacted by this act: be it furthermore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that immediatly after the first day of May next comming, the Justices of peace, or three of them at ꝑ least wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, in euery shire of this Realme and Wales, and al other places within the kings dominions, shal haue ful power and auctherite by vertue of this act, aswel to take informacion and accusacion by thothes and depositions of twoe able, honest, & leful persons at the least, and after suche accusacion, or informacion so had to enquire by the othes of .xii. men, in euery their .iiii. quarter sessyons preeip to be holden, of al and singuler such accusacions, or informacions to be had, or made of any of the offenses aboue said, to be committed, or done after the saide first day of May, within the limits of theire commission: and that vpon euery such accusacion and informacion, the offendour, and offendours shalbe inquired of, & indicted before the said Justices of peace, or three of the at ꝑ least, as is aforesaid, of the said contemptes and offenses, by the verdict of .xii. honest, and indifferent men if the matter of the said accusacion & informacion shal seme to the saide Jury good and true.

And it is also further enacted by the auctherite aforesaide, that the saide Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, as is aforesaid, before whom any suche presentment, informacion, and accusacion shall be made, or taken, as is aforesaide, shall examine the accusors, what other witnesse were by, and present at the time of the doing and committing

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of thoffence: wherof the informacion, accusacion, & presentment shalbe made, and how many others then the accusors, haue knowledge therof: and shal haue power and auctoritie, by their discrecions, to bind by recognisaunce to be taken before them aswell the said accusours, as all suche other persones, whom the same accusoures shall declare to haue knowlege of the offences by them presented & informed euery of them in fiue poundes to the king, to appeare before ỳ said Justices of peace before whom the offendour, or offendors shalbe tried at the day of trial and deliuerance of suche offendours.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd Justices of Peace, or three of them at the least, as is aboue said, by vertue of this acte, shall haue full power and auctoryte to make processe agaynste euerye persone & persones so indicted by two Capias & an exigent, and by Capias vtlagat, aswell within the lymyttes of their cõmission, as into al other Wheres & places of this realme, Wales, and other the Kinges dominions, aswel wythin the libertyes as without, & the same processe to be good and effectual in the law to al intents, constructions and purposes, & vppon the apparaunce of any of the offendours, shall haue full power & auctoryte by vertue of this acte, and the commission of peace, to determyne the contemptes and offences aforesaid, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, and effectes of thys acte: and that the said Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, as is aboue sayd, shall haue full power and auctoryte to let anye suche persone, or persones so indicted, vppon sufficyent suerties, by their discrecions, to baile, for their apparaunce to be tried, according to the tenour, fourme, & effect of thys acte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that the said Justices of peace or three of them at the least, at their quarter Sessions, where any offẽdour or offendours shalbe, or stande indicted of any of the contemptes, or offences aboue saide, shall directe & awarde one writte in the kinges name to the Bishop of the Diocese, wherin the sayde offence or offẽces are supposed to be committed, or done willynge and requiring the said Bishop to be in his owne persone, or by his Chauncellour, or other his sufficient deputye learned, at the quarter Sessions in the said County to be holden when, & where the saide offendour shalbee arreigned and tried, appointing to them in the sayd writ the day and place of the sayd arraignement, whiche writte shalbe of this fourme: Rex &c. Epo L. Salutem. Præcipimus tibi, quod tu, Cancellarius tuus, vel alius Deputatus tuus sufficient eruditus, vnus cum Iusticiarijs nostris ad pacem in com nro B. conseruand' assignat' apud D. tali die, ad Sessionem nostram, ad tunc & ibm tenend' ad dand' consiliũ & aduisament' eisdem Iusticiarijs nostris ad pacẽ super arrainment & deliberationem offendent' contra formã statuti, cõcernẽ sacro sanctum Sacramentum Altaris.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the auctoryty aboue saide

that no persone or persones shalbe indicted of any of the contempts, or offences aboueslayd, but onely of such contempts, or offences, as shal be doone or perpetrated within thise monethes, next after the said offences, or offence so committed or done.

And be it further enacted by the aucthority aforesaide, that in al tri alles for any suche offendours before the saide Justices, as is aforesaid the persone or persones being complaind on and arraigned, shall be admitted to purge or trie his, or their innocencie, by as many, or moe witnesses in number & of as good honestye and credence, as the witnesses be, whiche depeses against him, or any of them.

And for asmuche as it is more agreable, both to the first institucion of the saide Sacrament, of the moste precious bodye and bloud of our Sauiour Jesus Christ, and also more conformable to the common vse and practise both of the Apostles, and of the primatiue Churche, by the spare of fiue hundreth yeres, and more, after Christs ascention, that the saide blessed Sacrament should be ministred to al Christian people vnder bothe the kyndes of bread & wine, then vnder the fourme of bread onely: and also it is more agreable to the first institucion of Christ, and to the vsage of the Apostles, and the primatiue church, that the people being present should receiue the same with the Priest, then the Priest should receiue it alone: therfore be it enacted by our Soueraine Lorde the kyng with the consent of the lordes Spirytuall & Temporall, and the commons in this present Parlyamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that the saide moste blessed Sacrament be hereafter cõmonly deliuered, & ministred vnto the people, within this churche of England and Ireland, & other the Kinges dominyons vnder bothe the kyndes, that is to say, of bread and wine, except necessitie otherwise require: and also that the Priest, whiche shall minister the same, shall at the least one day before exhort al persones, whiche shalbe present, likewise to resorte and prepare themselues to receiue the same. And when the day prefixed cometh, after a godly exhortacio by the minister made (wherein shalbe further expressed the benefite and comforte promysed to them, whiche worthely receiue the holye Sacrament, and daunger and indignacion of God threatned to them, whiche shall presume to receiue the same vnworthely, to the ende that euery manne may trie and examine his owne conscience before he shal receiue the same) the sayde minister shal not without a lawful cause denie the same to any persone, that wil deuoutly and humbly desire it: any lawe, statute, ordinaunce, or custome contrary thereunto in any wise notwithstandinge, not competing hereby the vsage of any churche oute of the kynges Maiesties dominions.

¶ An Acte for the election of Bishoppes, and what Seales and stile they, and other Spiritual persons exercising iurisdiction Ecclesiastical shal vse.

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¶ The.ii. Chapiter.

Forasmuche as the election of the Archebyshoppes and Byshoppes by the Deanes and Chapiters, within the Kynges Maiesties Realmes of Englande and Irelande, at this present tyme, be alwell to the longe delaye, as to the great costes and charges of suche persons, as the Kings Maiestie geueth any Archebishoprith, or Bishoprithe vnto: and whereas the sayde elections be in very deede no elections, but onely by a writte of Conge delier, haue colowres, shadowes or pretences of elections, seruinge neuertheles to no purpose, & seming also derogatorye and prejudicial to the kynges prerogatiue roial, to whom onelye appertaineth the collacyon and gifte of all Archebishoprithes, and Bishoprithes, and Suffragan Bishoppes, within his highnesse saide Realmes of England, and Ireland, Wales, and other his dominions and Marches: For a due reformacion herof, be it therefore enacted by the Kinges highnes with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that from henceforth, no such Conge delier be graunted, nor election of any Archebyshoppe or Bishoppe, by the Deane and Chapiter made: But that the kyng may by his letters Patents at al times, when any Archbishoprithe, or Bishoprithe be voide, conferre the same to anye persone whom the king shall thinke meete. The whiche collacion so by the kinges letters patentes made, and deliuered to the person, to whom the king shall conferre the same Archebishoprith or Bishoprithe, or to his sufficient Procutour, and Attourney, shall stande to al intents, constructions and purposes, to all intents and the same effecte, as though Conge delier had ben geuen, the election duely made, and the same confirmed: and that vpon the saide persone, to whom the sayde Archebishoprith, Bishoprith, or Suffraganshippe is so conferred, collated, or geuen, may be consecrated, and suche his fealtie, or duetie le maine, and do other thinges as well, as if the saide ceremonies and elections had been done & made.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that euery suche persone, to whom any collacion, or gift of any Archebishoprithe, Bishoprithe, or Suffraganshippe shalbe geuen or collated by the king, his heires, or successours, shal pay, doe, and yelde to all and euery persone, all suche fees, interesses, and duties, as of olde time haue been accustomed to bee done: any thing in this act, or in any other, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

And where as the Archebishoppes and Bishoppes, and other Spirituall persons of this Realme doe vse to make & sende out their sommons, citacions, and other processe in their owne names, and in suche fourme and manner, as was vsed in the dayes of the vsurped power of the Bishop of Rome, contrary to the fourme and order of the lawes and

ꝓcesse of the common lawe vsed in this realme: seeing that al auctho-
rytie of Iurisdiction, Spirituall and temporal, is derived and deducted
from the Kinges Maiestie, as supreme head of these Churches & Real-
mes of Englande and Ireland, and so fully acknowleged by the cler-
gie of the saide Realmes, & that al causes ecclesiasticall, within the said
twoo Realmes ought to be hearde by none other power, or auctho-
rytie, or within the Realme, but by the auctho-rytie of his moste ex-
cellent Maiestie: Be it therefore further enacted by the auctho-rytie a-
foresaid, that al summons & citacions, or other ꝓcesse ecclesiastical, in al
suites and causes of instaunce, betwixt parties & party, and all causes of
correction, and al causes of bastardie, or bigamie, or inquirie de Iure
Patronatus, ꝓbates of testamentes, and commissions of administracio
of persones deceased, and all acquitaunces, of, and vppon accomptes
made by the executours, administratours, or collectours of goods of
any ded persone, be from the firste day of Iuly next folowing made in
the name, and with the stile of the king, as it is in writtes originall, or
iudicial at the common lawe: and that the reste therof be in the name of
the Archbishop or Bishop, or other hauing Ecclesiastical iurisdiction who
hath the commission and graunt of the auctho-rytie Ecclesiastical, imme-
diatly from the Kinges highnesse, and that his commissary, officiall, or
substitute exercising iurisdiction vnder him, shal put his name in the ci-
tacion, or ꝓcesse after the reste.

Furthermore, be it enacted by auctho-rytie aforesaide, that all maner
of person or persons, who hath the exercise of Ecclesiasticall iurisdictio
shall haue from the first day of Iuly before expressed, in their seales of
Office, the Kinges highnesse armes decently sette with certain enrecs
vnder the armes, for the knowledge of the Diocese: and shal vse no o-
ther seale of iurisdiction, but wherin his Maiesties armes be engraue
vppon pein that if any person shall vse Ecclesiastical iurisdiction (after
the day before expressed) in this Realme of England, wales, and other
his dominions, or territories, and not finde, or make out the Citacion,
or ꝓcesse in the kynges name, or vse any seale of iurisdiction, other the
before limited that euery suche offendoure shall incurre, & runne in the
Kinges Maiesties displeasure, & indignacion, and suffre imprisonment
at his highnesse will & pleasure.

Prouided alwaies, that no more, nor other fees be taken, or paid for
the seale & writting of any Citacions, or other ꝓcesse, then was here
tofore accustomed.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctho-rytie aforesaid, that
the Archebishoppe of Canterbury for the time being, shal vse his owne
seale, and in his owne name, in al faculties and dispensacion, according
to the tenour of an acte therof made: and that the saide Archebishops
and Bishoppes shall make, ordeine, and reforme their Chan-
cellours, Officiales, Commissaries, Deanes, Archedeacons, and other

their

their officers, ministers, & substitutes, & commissyons to Suffragans Bishoppes in their owne names, under their owne seales, in such maner & fourme, as they haue heretofore vsed: & shal certify to the Courte of Tenthes, their certificats vnder their owne names & seales, as heretofore they haue vsed, & according to the statute in that case made & prouided: & likewise shall make collations, presentations, giftes, institucions, & inductions of benefices, letters or orders, or dimissories, vnder their owne names & seales, as they haue heretofore accustomed: anye thing in this act contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al processe hereafter to be made, or awarded by any Ecclesiastical person or persons, for the triall of any plee, or pleas, or matter depending, or that hereafter shal depend in any of the kings courts of Record, at the common lawe, & limitted by the lawes & customes of this realme, to the spiritual courtes to trie the same: that the certificat of the same, after the trial therof shalbe made in the kings name, for the time being and with the stile of the same kyng, and vnder the seale of the Bishop, grauen with the kings armes, with the name of the Bishop, or spirituall officer beinge to the reste of the same processe and certificat, and to euery of them.

¶ The. iii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the punishing of vagabondes, & for the relief of the poore and impotent persons.

FOrasmuche, as idlenesse and vagabondry, is the mother and roote of all theftes, robberyes, and all euill actes, and other mischiefes, and the multitude of people geuen thereto hathe alwaies bene here within this Realme very great, and more in number (as it maye appeare) then in other Regions, to the great impouerishment of the Realme, and daunger of the kings highnesse subiectes: the which idlenesse & vagabondry al the kynges highnesse noble progenitours, kinges of this realme, and thys high courte of parliament hath often and with great trauaile, gon about & assayed with godly actes & statutes, to represse, yet vntil this our time, it hath not had that successe, which hath bene wished, but partly by foluishe pitie and mercy of them, which should haue sene the saide godly lawes executed, partly by the peruerse nature, and long accustomed idlenes of the persons geuen to loitering, the saide godly statutes hetherto hathe had small effectes, and idle and vagabonde persons, being vnprofitable members, or rather enemies of the common wealth, hath bene suffered to remain and increase, and yet so be whom, if they should be punished by death, whipping, imprisonmente, and with other corporal paine, it were not without their deserte for the exemple of others, and to the benefite of the common wealth: yet if they could be brought to be made profitable, and for ought, it were muche to be wished and desired:

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Be it therefore enacted by the kynges highnes, with the consent of the Lordes Spirituall & temporall, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by authoritie of the same, first that all statutes and actes of parliament heretofore made for the punishment of vagabondes & lustie beggers, & all articles comprised in the same, shalbe frō henceforth repealed, voide & of none effect.

Secondly, that whosoeuer, after the first daye of Aprill nexte following, man, or woman being not lame, impotent, or so aged, or diseased with sickenesse, that he, or she cannot worke, not having landes, or tenementes, frese annuities, or any other perely reuenues, or profits wherein they may lyue sufficiently their liuing, shal, either like a seruing man wanting a Maister, or like a begger, or after anye suche other sorte, be lurking in any house, or houses, or loytering, or idly wander by ye highwaies side, or in streetes, in cities, townes, or villages, not applying themselfe to some honest, and allowed arte, science, seruice, or labour, and so do continue by the space of three daies, or more together, and not offer themselues to labour with any that will take them, according to their faculty: & if no man, otherwise will take them, do not offre themselues to worke for meate and drinke, or after they be so taken to worke, for the space agreed betwixt them & their maister, doe leaue their worke out of conuenient time, or runne awaye: that then euery such persone shall be taken for a vagabounde, and that it shalbe lawfull to euery such maister offring such idle persone seruice, and labour, and that being by him refused, or who hathe agreed with suche idle persone, and from whom within the space agreed of seruice, the said loytrer hath runne away, or departed before the ende of the conuenaunt betweene them, and to any other person tipping the same to bring, or cause to be brought the sayde persone so liuing idly, and loyteringly, to two of the next Justices of ye Peace there resiaunt, or abiding, who hearing the proufe of the idle liuynge of the said persone by the saide space liuing idly, as is aforesaid, supposed to them by two honest witnesses, or confession of the partye, shall immediatly cause the saide loytrer to be marked with an hoot Iron in the brest, the marke of V. And adiudge the saide persone liuinge so idly to suche presō[illegible] as he hym shall to haue and to holde the said same to him, his executours, or assignes for the space of two yeres then next folowing, and to order the saide same, as followeth: that is to say to take suche persone adiudged as slaue with him, and onely geuing the saide slaue bread and water, or small drinke, and such refuse of meat as he shal thinke meete, cause the saide slaue to worke by beatinge, chayning, or otherwise, in such worke and labour (how vile soeuer it be) as he shall put him vnto. And if any manner of slaue, either for loytering or for the cause before specified so adiuged, shal within the space of the sayde two yeres next appointed runne away, departe, or absente him from his said maister, by the space of fiue daies together, without

leuence:

licence: It shal not onely be lefull to his said Master to pursue & serch him again by vertue of this acte, but also to punishe suche fault by stripes, or beating, as is aforesaide: and against the detenour, if any man doe wyllyngly detayne him, knowing him to be a slaue, as is aforesaid, to haue an action of trespasse, and recouer thereby in damages tenne poundes, besides the costs and charges of the suite for so detayning his saide slaue. And further, euery such master shewing, & prouyng by two sufficient witnesses, the saide offence and faulte of hys runnyng away before twoo Justices of peace of the same Countye, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, the same Justices shal cause suche slaue, or loyterer to be marked on the forehed, or the balle of the cheke with an hoate Iron, with the signe of an S. that he may be knowen for a loyterer, and a runne awaye, and shal adiudge the loyterer, and runne away to be the saide Masters slaue for euer. And if suche slaue shall the seconde tyme runne away, or absent him selfe, if the saide Master shall approue the same seconde runnyng awaye, with twoo sufficient witnesses before ỳ Justices of peace, in their generall and quarter sessyons: then euery suche faulte and running away to be adiudged felony, and such loyterer & runne away to be taken as a felon, and therof being lawfully indicted and attainted, or otherwise condempned to suffer peines of deathe, as other felons ought to doe.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that no clerke conuicted shall hereafter make his purgacion, & vppon such purgacion be deliuered, and set at large otherwise then is in the Statute hereafter expressed.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide that euerye clerke conuict, or hereafter to be conuicted, whych should by the order of the lawe enioye the benefite of their purgacion, shall and may from henceforth finde any man (if they can) who shall be bound with two sufficyent sureties to the ordinary, in the summe of .xx. li. to the kings highnes vse, to retaine the said conuict as his slaue, and, to kepe the sayd person so conuicte for the space of one yere then next folowing, that he shal not goe abrode, and at large, and then the said conuicte shal bee deliuered to the saide persone so taking the same, & being bound, as is aforesaid, to be his slaue for one whole yere then next folowing by vertue of this acte, in all such maner and fourme, and to all suche intentes and purposes, and with all such order lawes, condicions, & penalties for running away, or other, as is aforesaid of a vagabonde, taken loitering & made a slaue (burning in the breast onely except:) & the ordinarye by the deliuery of the saide conuicte to such person being bound, as is aforesaid to be of the keping of the saide conuict clerely discharged, and exonerated by vertue of this acte.

And if so be that the saide clerke so conuicte cannot finde anye man to be bounde, as is aforesaide, to whom he may be adiudged a slaue in

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the space of one yere: then at any time after the end of one yere, after his conuersion, it shalbe lawfull for the said Clerke conuict to make his purgation, as he might before this statute, any thing in this presente acte to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And where the Clarkes conuicted, or attainted by the order of the lawes of this Realme, cannot make their purgation, and should perpetually lye the same emprisone in prison, bee it nouertheiselle enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that if there be any maner of person, who will at any time demaund the same clerke conuicted, or attainted, & be bound to the ordinary with two sufficient sureties, as is aboue writte, to kepe the same as his slaue, by the space of fiue yeres then next folowing, that then the same shalbe adiudged his slaue for like space, with al such ordres, lawes, and penalties, for runninge awaye, and other orders, as is before expressed of a vacabounde adiudged to any man for a slaue (the burning in the breast onely except) & vpon the adiudgement deliuered to suche demaundaunt, thordinarye from thenceforth of the keping of suche Clerke conuicted, or attainted, clerely exonerated, and discharged by vertue of this acte.

And forasmuch as diuers women and men goeth on begging wayfaring, of the which some be impotent and lame, and some able enough to labour, whiche doe carye children about with them, some .iiii. or .v. yeres of age, or ponger, or elder, whiche brought vp in idelnesse might be so voted in it, that hardely they may be brought after to good thrifte and labor: or if any childe above the age of fiue yeres, & vnder the age of .xiiii. yeres go idlye wandring about as a vagabonde: be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that if any maner of person will take any such childe, bee it male, or female, of, and from any suche begger beinge the mother therof, nourisher or keper, whether they bee willing or not, or without any suche notice, mother or keper by him selfe wandering, and bring the saide childe so taken away before one of the Constables of the parishe, and two other honeste, and discrete neighbors witnesses, and before any Justice of peace there resiaunt, and abydinge, and promesse to bring the same childe vp in some honest labor, or occupacio til he or she come to the age of .xx. yeres the woman childe, or .xxiiii. the man childe: that then and immediatly the saide Justice of peace & Constable shal adiudge by vertue of this acte, the said child vnto the ages before specified, to be seruauntes or apprentices to the saide persons so takinge and promisinge to be vsed and ordered in all pointes accordinge as the lawe and custome of this Realme is of seruauntes and apprentices, to what labour occupacion, or seruice soeuer the saide Master shal appointe him, or her, during the saide time. And if it shall fortune suche childe so adiudged to runne away at any time, once, or moe times, from his or her master, or maistres: that then it shalbe lawful for euery suche Master, to take the saide childe again, and to kepe and punish the said

childe

chylde,in theynes or otherwise,and vse him, or her, as hys slaue in all pointes,for the tyme before rehearsed,of the age of suche chylde,that is to say,till twentie the woman childe,and the man childe.xxiiii.

Prouided alwayes,that any maister,eyther of the men,or of the women so adiudged slaues, or of the children adiudged apprentites or seruauntes,may lette,set forth, sel,bequeathe,or geue the seruice & labor of suche slaues or seruauntes so adiudged,as is aforesayde,to any persone, or persones,to whomsoeuer he will,vpon suche condition,and for suche tyme of yeres as the saide persones bee adiudged to him for slaues, seruauntes,or apprentices,after suche like sorte and maner, as he may do of any other his moueable goodes or cattailes: and they for the said space and time,to be bound to all poinctes and constructions to such lessee, donee,vendee,or assignee,as they were to theire first apprehenders and maisters,by vertue of this statute.

Prouided alwayes,& bee it enacted by aurthoritie aforesayde: that if any such slaue,or slaues,or children so adiudged,shall at any tyme after suche adiudgement,mayme,or wounde theire maisters or mistresses, in resisting theire correction,or otherwise: or when they be manumitted, & set agayne free,or in the tyme of their seruice, shall conspire with anye other,or by themselues go about to murder & kyl,or to maime, wounde, or beate the said maister or maistresse,or any that was theire maister or maistresse,or to burne their houses,barnes,or corne,so that their entent come to an acte tending to the effecte: that then euerye suche maime, or wounde, or the going about to murder, kill, maime,wounde,or beate suche persone or persones,as bee,or were theire maister or mistresses, or to burne their houses,barnes,or corne,so that their entent do come to any acte tending to the same effecte,as lying in wayte with weapon, or anye suche like,shalbe accompted Felonye,and they shal suffer therefore peines of death,as in case of Felonie:excepte that anye suche persone or persones as be,or had been maister or maistresse to any of them,or he refusing any other will take suche person so offending,to theire slaues,and thē he or she so offending to be adiudged to the person so willing to take him or her so offending slaue for euer,and therupon to be discharged of the felonie. The same lawe and order to be had in all cōditions,if it should chaūce the father,mother,nourice,or other the bearer about of the child or any other persone,or persones, to steale away suche childe adiudged apprentice or seruaunt,that is, to bee slaue to suche apprentices, or seruauntes maister,whose apprentice or seruaunt was so stolen or entised awaie,for euer: & the maister neuertheles to take & retaine his said apprētice or seruaūt again,as if the said taking awaie had neuer be done.

Bee it also enacted by aurthoritie aforesaid,that although there be no man which shall demaūde such loiterer,or loiterers, as before expressed into theire seruice,yet neuertheless the Justice of peace in that citie, borroughe,or towne,or hundred dwelling,if anye suche be,or els anye other

Justice of peace of the same Shyre, and also there dwellinge, by hys, or
the sayd office shalbe hereafter inhabited by vertue of thys acte, not onely to
enquire of all suche ydle persones, but also if they doe espye anye suche
vagabondes, or ydle persone, or if anye suche bee detected vnto them, to
examine him, or her, of the tyme of theyr vagabondage: and if it shall
appeare to any Justice of peace, anye suche man or woman to haue been
a vagraunt and vagabound, or ydle person, by the space as is aforesaid,
to cause the same to bee marked on the breste with an .V. made with an
hoate yron, and also to learne and enquire of hym the Towne, Citie, or
village, wherein hee was borne, and then shall immediately geue a writ-
ting in parchement sealed with hys seale, to the sayd loyterer, of the te-
nour & fourme, which here ensueth: ¶ A.B. Justice of peace in the cositie
of S. to the Maiour, or chiefe officer of the citie of Q. (if it be a Citye, or
to the head borough, Baylife, or Constable, or head officer of the towne
of Q. (if it bee a Towne) or to the Constable, or Tything man of the
Village of C. (if it be a village) greeting: According to a moste godlye
Statute made in the first yere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lorde
kyng Edwarde the sixte &c. we haue taken thys bearer .I.K., vagraunt-
lye, and to the euill example of others, without maister, seruice, or labor
whereby to gette hys liuing, going lotteringe idlye aboute. And because
the same sayth, he was borne in C. in the countie of S. wherof you are
the head officer or Constable. We haue sent hym to you to be ordred ac-
cording to the purporte and effect of the same Statute. And with thys
writting shall deliuer the same loyterer to the Constables, or other head
officer of the said Citie, Towne, or Village, wherein suche loyterer was
taken, to be safely conueighed by them to the nexte Constable, & so from
Constable to Constables, & other head officers, till he or she be brought
to the place, the whiche he or she, hath named them selfe to bee borne in,
and then to bee deliuered to the heade officer or Constable of that same
Citie, Borough, or Towne, Village, Hamlette, or Parysshe, there to bee
nourished and kept of the same Citie, Towne, or Village, in chepnes, or
otherwise, either at the common workes, in amending hyghe wayes, or
other common worke, or from man to man in order, till they which may
beare be equally charged to be same to the coppuration of the citie, or to
the inhabitaunters of the towne or village, that he or she were borne in,
after all suche fourme, condition, space of yeres, ordres, punishments for
running awaye, & all others, as are expressed of a comm̃ or priuate per-
sone to whom any such loiterer is adiudged a slaue. And the sayde citie,
Towne, or village shall see the sayde slaue beyng able to labour, sette on
worke, & not liue idlye within the said precinctes, upon paine for euerye
suche default, that the sayde slaue doth ipue ydlye, by the default of the
Citie, borough, or towne, or village, by the space of thre working dayes
together, the citie to forfeite .v.li. a Borough, or towne incorporate xl.s.
and other towne or village .xx.s. whereof the one halfe to the kyng our

soueraigne lord, the other to him that will sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes of Record, by bill, information, or action of debte, in the which suites, no essoine, wager of lawe, or protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided and be it enacted, that the Citie, Towne, and borough corporate, by the consent of the more parte of the corporation: & the towne and village not corporate, by the consent of the more parte of the inhabitauntes thereof, may sette, sell, or geue awaye the right, title, & interest of the saide slaue, to anye other person, as any other common or priuate persone may do with hys slaue, by the vertue of thys Acte.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that if it fortune when the saide vacabonde is brought to the sayde Citie, Towne, or village, where the said persone said he was borne, to appeare, & be manifest, that he, or shee was not there borne: that then for suche lye, the saide vagaraunt shalbe marked in the face with an .S. and be slaue to the inhabitauntes, or corporation of the Citie, Towne, or village, where the saide vagaraunte sayde he was borne in, for euer, vpon such conditions, and orders, in all poyntes, as of a slaue marked in the face is before expressed: the same lawe, and order in all pointes to be had of all vagaraunt persones, and vagabondes beinge borne in anye other nation or countreye, then thys Realme, as is before expressed of Englishe ydle persones, (markinge in the breast or face onely excepted) that is, to be had to the next porte, and there to be kepte of the inhabitauntes of the sayde nexte port, in conuenient labour, and from ydlenesse, or otherwise, till they may be conueyed ouer: and then at the costes of the inhabitauntes of the sayd porte, to be conueighed ouer into their countreyes.

And forasmuche as there is manye maymed, & otherwise lamed, sore aged, & impotent persones, which resorteth to the citie of London, & to other cities, townes, & villages, on begging: whose coming together, & makinge a number, doth fill the streetes or high wayes of diuers cities, townes, markettes & fayres, who, if they wer seperated, mought easely be nourished in the townes & places wherin they were borne, or where they were, or haue been most conuersaunt and abidinge, by the space of three yeres: Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all & singuler Mayours, Shirifes, Baylifes, Constables, or other head officers of any citie, towne, or borough, to whiche suche resorte is, or shalbe shal before the feast of the Purification of our Lady next following, se all such ydle, impotent, maymed, & aged persones, who otherwise can not by their discretions be taken for vagabondes, whiche were borne within the said citie, towne, or boroughe, or hath been there moste conuersaunt and abidinge by the space of three yeres as is aforesaid, & now decayed, bedrauen, and prouided for of Tenauntries, Cotages, or other conuenient haules, to bee lodged in, at the costes & charges of the sayde Cities, townes, boroughes, and villages, there to be relieued and cured by the deuotion of the good people of the said Citie, borough, towne, or

village. And that they doe not suffer after the time before rehersed, any other then suche as either were borne, or hathe been for the most parte conuersaunt or abiding, by the space aforesayde, in the sayde Citie, Borroughe, Village, or Towne, to remaine and begge abroade within the precinctes of such Cities, Townes, villages, or Hundredes: upon peine that euerye such Maiours, Shiriffes, and Baylifes, Constable, or other head officer, by what name so euer he be called suffering any persones to begge within the precincte of hys or theire suche iurisdiction, other then is before rehearsed, for euery three dayes shal forfaite x.s. to whomsoeuer will sue therfore, by bill, information, or action of debte, in anye Courte of Recorde, in the whiche suites, no essoyne, wager of lawe, nor protection shalbe allowed.

And for the better performaunce hereof: be it enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that the Maiour of the Citie of London, and all other Maiours, Baylifes, Shiriffes, Constables, and other head officers of euery citie, and towne corporate, doe with al conuenient spede by themselues, or theire sufficient deputies by them appointed, before the feaste of the Purification next comming, and so from tyme to tyme, euery Moneth once, make a view and examination of aged, impotent, and lame poore, beggers, as be within the precincte of their iurisdiction, and see all such as were not borne, nor hath been for the moste parte conuersaunt and abyding there by the space for three yeares compiete, conueyed on horsebacke, carte, or chariotte, or otherwise, as shall seeme by theire discretions, to the nexte Constables, and they to conueigh the same to the nexte Cõstables, & so from Constables to Constables, till the sayd persons be brought to the place where they were borne, or most conuersaunt and abiding, as is aforesayde, there to be prouided for, kepte, and nourished of almose, as is aforesayde: upon the paine that euerye suche Maiour, Shirife, or Constable, head borough, or head officer not making viewe not sending or conueyghing awaye, not receiuing, or not prouiding, as is before appointed, according to the true purpose or meaninge of this acte, to forfeyte for euerye suche defaulte xl.s. whereof the one halfe to the kynges vse, the other to the parte that will sue therefore in anye of the kynges courts of Recorde, by bill, information, action of debt, in the which suites, none essoyne, wager of lawe, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that yf any of the sayde aged, maymed, or impotent persones of the Cities, townes, or villages where they were borne in, or had their most abiding, as is aforesayde, be not so lame or impotent, but that they may worke in some maner of worke, that then suche citie, Towne, Parishe, or village, doe ryghte in common prouide some suche worke for them, as they may best occupied in, or appointe them to suche as will finde them worke for meate and drinke. And yf they refuse or wilfullnesse and stubburnesse to worke, or doe runne awaye, and begge in other places, then to punishe the same according to theire discretions,

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with cheyning, beating, or otherwise, as shal seeme to them conuenient. And for the more furtherance of the releefe of suche whiche are in vnfained misery, and to whom charitie ought to be extended: be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery Sundaye and holy daye, after the reading of the Gospell of the day, the Curate of euery parishe do make, (according to suche talent as God hath geuen hym) a godlye and briefe exhortation to hys Parishioners: mouing and exciting them to remembre the poore people, and the duetie of Christian charitie, in releeuing of them, whiche bee their brethren in Christe, borne in the same Parishe, & nedy their helpe.

Prouided alwayes, that if it shal chaunce anye such adiudged apprentice, seruaunt, or slaue, as is before rehearsed, to haue inheritaunce descended vnto him, or her, or any other wayes, by the lawes of thys realme, warde, or bondeman, or neife of bloude, by, or from anye of hys auncestoures, to any persone or persones: That then it shalbe lawfull to anye suche persone or persones, to whome anye suche warde, bonde man, or neife shall appertaigne, to seaze and take suche wardes, bonde men, or neifes, and them to reteigne and kepe, as theyre wardes, bonde men, or neifes, And the sayde wardes, bonde men, and neifes shalbe discharged of the said slauery, or other seruitude, or bondage aboue rehersed: Thys estature, or any thing therein conteined, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And also bee it enacted, that if anye suche seruaunt, apprentice, slaue, or slaues, whiche shall haue at any time hereafter any aduauncement or liuing, accrue, come, or growe vnto hym, or anye of them, whereby hee, or they may haue a conuenient liuing, that then, and from thenceforth, hee or they so being aduaunced, to be discharged of their slauery, seruitude, and bondage: thys Acte, or any thing therein conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Any woman being a seruaunt, apprentice, or slaue, as is aforesaide, being maried within the age of xx. yeres, without the assent of her maister, vntill she shal accomplishe and come to the sayde age of xx. yeres, onely excepted.

Bee it also enacted, that all Leprouse, and poore beddered creatures, whatsoeuer they bee, may at theyr owne libertie remayne and continue in such houses appointed for leprouse, or beddred people, as they now be in, & shal not be compelled to repayre into any other countreys or places, by the vertue of thys acte: any thing therin cõtained to the cõtrary notwithstanding. And that also it shalbe lefull vnto the sayd Leprouse and beddred people, for theire better releefes, to appointe their Proctor or Proctors, so there be not appointed aboue the number of two persons, for anye one house of Leprouse beddred people, to gather the charitable almose of all such inhabitauntes, as shalbee within the compasse of. iiii. myles of any of the sayde houses of leprous and beddred persons.

And be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that it

shalbe lawfull to euery persone, to whom anye persone in fourme abo-ue sayde, shalbe adiudged a slaue, to put a ring of yron about hys necke, arme, or hys legge, for a more knowlege and suertie of the keping of hym. And that if any persone or persones do take, or helpe to take anye suche bonde of yron from anye suche slaue, that then euerye persone so doinge without the licence or assent of hys maister, shall forfayte for euery suche defaute x. poundes sterling.

Be it further enacted, that thys present acte shall before the firste daye of Marche next comming, be openly proclaimed in euerye Citie, Corporate towne, and market Towne, vpon the market daye: and also from thencefoorth shall percip bee read in euery Shyre openly in two general quarter sessions of the peace, that is to say, at the general quarter sessiõs after Midsomer, and the general quarter sessiõs next after Christemas, to the intent that euery persone may haue knowledge thereof, and that thys acte shall endure vnto the ende of the next Parlament.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to the Lorde Chauncelour of England, or the Lord keper of the great Seale for the time being at theire discretions to graunt commission vnder the greate seale of Englande, to euery, or any persone or persones that hath, or shal haue hys or theire houses or barnes burnt, or suche losses, to gather the relefe and charitie of others for theire ayde and helpe, of hys or theire losses, decay, or hinderaunce, as in time past hath been vsed: any thinge conteined in thys acte notwithstanding.

¶ An acte for Tenures holden in Capite.

¶ The .iiii. Chapiter.

WHere before this time, ambiguities, ffsions, & doubts haue been moued & stirred in diuers & sundry ꝑ kinges courtes of Recorde, whether suche honours, castles, manours, landes, tenents, & other hereditaints are holden of the kyng in Capite, whiche any hys louing subiectes doe holde by knightes seruice, Socage, or other seruices of the king, as of his Duchies, Erledomes, Baronies, honours, castles, manours, landes, tenements, fees, and seignouries, which haue come to the handes & possessiõ of diuers of his highenes most noble progenitours, by atteindour of treason, misprision of treason, atteindours of Premunire, & prouision had & doen by acte of Parlament, by verdicte, cõfession, conuictiõ, or bilagarie, & offices or no offices thereupon founde, or by the dissolution, surrender, or geuing vp to the kyng, or to any hys noble Progenitours, of any religious or Ecclesiastical houses or places, or of anye Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, and other hereditaments, to anye of the same religious or Ecclesiastical houses or places in anye wise appertayninge or belonging, or no: By meanes of whiche doubte so moued, hys sayde humble and obedient Subiectes and tenauntes haue been heretofore muche vnquieted,

molested,

molested, and greued: wherfore the kynge our soueraigne Lorde, myn-
ding, and entierye desiring the quietnesse of hys sayde Subiectes, and
that the certaintie of hys lawes in that behalfe myght bee knowen, and
declared to hys sayde louing subiectes, for a plaine declaration and reso-
lution to bee had, of, for, and concerning the premysses at the humble pe-
tition and suite of the Lordes and commons in this present Parliamẽt
assembled, doth ordeyne, declare, and enacte by the assent of the Lordes
Spiritual and temporal, and of the commons in this present Parliamẽt
assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that all suche Honoures,
Castles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other hereditamentes,
and euerye of them, whiche nowe bee, or at anye tyme hereafter shalbe
holden of the kyng, or of any of hys heires or successours, by anye of hys
sayde Subiectes, by knyghtes seruice, Socage, or otherwise, as of any
of hys or their Dukedomes, Earledomes, Baronies, Castles, manours,
Landes, Tenementes, Fees, or Seignories, whiche bee come to the
kynge, or hys moste noble progenitoures, or hereafter shall come to the
kyng, hys heyres or successours, by meanes of any suche Attainder, con-
uiction, vtlagarie, or of any suche dissolution, surrendre, or geuing vp of
anye Religious or Ecclesiastical houses or places, or of any Manours,
landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to anye of the sayd religious or
Ecclesiasticall houses or places in anye wise belonging or appertaining,
shall not from henceforth bee adiudged, deemed, taken or construed to
any intent, cõstruction or purpose, to be holden in Capite, or as Tenure
in Capite: anye ambiguitie, question, or doubte heretofore moued to the
contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that
thys act or any thing therin conteyned, shall not in any wise be preiudi-
ciall ne hurtefull to the kynge, hys heires or successours, to, for, or concer-
ning any wardeship, liuery, primer seasin, fine for alienation, or to, or for
any other profite or aduauntage, whiche now is come, or hereafter shal,
or maye come, fall, or growe to the kyng, hys heyres, or successours, by
or from any persone or persones, which now doth, or hereafter shal hol-
de any honours, seigniouries, castles, manours, landes, tenementes, or
other hereditaments of the kyng in Chiefe, as of hys persone, or of any
other hys auncient possessions, and being not come to the kyng by anye
suche attainder, confession, conuiction, vtlagarie, dissolution, geuing vp,
or surrender, as bee aboue sayde.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that
thys present act, or any thing therein contained, or specified, shall not in
anye wyse, or by anye meanes, geue anye aduauntage, libertie, or profite
to anye Tenaunt or owner in Fee simple, of anye Honours, Manours,
Landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whiche haue heretofore
sued anye special or general liuerie, or ouster le mayne, out of the handes
of the kynges, or of anye hys noble Progenitours, of anye Honours,

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manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, by what tenor or seruice they were, or be holden, or that haue, or shall confesse by anye mater of record, any tenor in chiefe of the king, but that they, their heirs and assignes shall haue and holde the same manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in like maner and fourme, as they did before the making of thys present Act, & as though thys present Acte had neuer been had, ne made: any thing above declared and enacted to the contrarye notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte that no horses shalbe conueighed out of thys Realme, and other the kynges dominions without licence.

¶ The.vi. Chapiter.

Where before thys tyme, diuers of the kynges subiectes, and namely of the North partes of thys Realme, aswel in time of peace as of warre, haue conueighed, sold, geue, & deliuered out of thys realme, aswel into Scotland, as into other forein realmes, beyonde the Sea, many & diuers greate multitude of horses, geldings and mares, whiche haue been thought, aswell great occasion, strength & boldnesse to the Scottishmen, & other ye kings forein enemes, hauing in possession the same horses, geldings, & mares, in time of warre to inuade this realm, as also a great decay of the good breede of horses and mares, whiche before tyme hath been within thys realme, to the great detriment & hinderaunce of the kynges poore subiectes towardes the defence of thys realme and other hys dominions. For remedy wherof: be it therfore enacted by our souereigne lord the kyng, & by the commons in thys present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that yf anye persone or persones, after the firste daye of January next comming, doe sell, exchaunge, geue, conueigh, or deliuer into the realme of Scotland, to the vse of any Scottisheman, or do carye, geue, exchaunge, sell, send, conueigh, or deliuer into anye place beyond ye sea out of thys realme, or the dominions of the same, any horse, gelding, or mare, without special licence therefore to her obteined of the kynges highnes, or of hys heires, vnder the great seale of thys realme, or vnder the priuie signate: or if anye persone or persones, after the firste daye of January, do sell, exchaunge, geue, or deliuer to any Scottishman within this realme of England, or Wales, the townes of Berwike, or the marches of the same, to thintent to be conueighed into Scotland, any horse, gelding, or mare, or do conueighe, or carye any horse, mare, or gelding into any forein parties beyond the sea, without like special licence obteined of the kynges highnesse, or of hys heires, vnder the great seale, or priuie signate as is aforesayde: that then the same person and persons so offending contrary to thys acte, shal lose and forfeyte to our souereigne lorde and hys heyres, the same horse, mare, or gelding, so caried and conueyghed, and shall also lose and forfeyte the summe of fourtie poundes for

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euery such horse, geldyng, or mare, so to be conueighed & caried in forme aforesaid: wherof the one mottie to bee to the kyng, & the other mottie to hym, or the, that will sue for the same, by information, action of debte, or detinue in any of the kynges courtes of Recorde, in whiche suite, no wager of lawe, essoine, ne protection shalbe allowed. And that also all & euery persone and persones so offending, contrary to thys act, shal suffre imprisonement by the space of one whole yere.

And be it farther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaydde, that it shalbe lefull, aswell to the warden & wardens of the East, west, & middle marches, for the time being, in their warden courtes, as also to all and euery the kynges Justices of Peace in euery shyre, aswell in Englande, as in Wales, in theire quarter sessions, to enquire of all and euerye offence or offences hereafter to be perpetrated, committed, or doen contrary to this act: And that it shalbe lefull to all and euery persone & persons being the kynges subiectes, to arrest & imprison euery Scottishman, & all & euery other persone, or persones, whiche shall leade, or conueyghe contrarye to the meaning of thys Acte, any suche horse, geldyng, or mare, out of thys realme into the said realme of Scotland, or into any other forreine place beyond the sea, other then such persons, as hereafter shall haue sufficient warraunt, by, or from the kynges hyghnesse or hys heires, under hys, or their great seale, or priuie signate, according to the meaning of thys act.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaydde, that yf the kyng our souereigne Lord, hys heires or successours, at any tyme hereafter, vnder his great seale, or priuie signate, doe geue licence to any persone or persones, to cary or conueigh any horses, mares, or geldings, into Scotland, or into any other parte beyond the Sea, or els doe geue auctoritie, power, or commaundement to anye persone or persones, by warraunt, vnder the kynges great Seale, to licence any other person or persones to carye, or conueighe anye Horses, Mares, or geldynges into Scotlande, or into any parties beyond the sea, that then it shalbe lefull, aswell to all and singuler persons & persons hauing suche licence vnder y kynges great seale, or priuie signate, as to all and euery other person and persons, hauing licence in writtinge vnder the seale of suche persone, or persones, to whom the kynge shall geue auctoritie, power, or commaundement in forme aboue said, to licence other person or persons to cary or conueigh any horses, mares, or geldynges into Scotlande, or into anye parties beyond the sea, to cary & conueigh such nombre of horses, geldings or mares, or any of them into Scotland, or into any of the parties beyond the sea, as shalbe mencioned in any such licence, as is before specified anye thing mencioned in thys acte, or contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thys act, or any thing therein contained, that in any wise extende, to any persone or persones, which at any time hereafter shall cary or conueighe any horse, Mare, or gelding into Scotlande, or into anye other forreine

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parties beyonde the sea to serue the kyng in hys warres, with the same horses, Mares, or geldinges, anye thinge mencioned in thys acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And to the intent the kynges Maiestie shal not hereafter be decetued in the numbre of suche horses, mares, or geldinges, which hereafter shalbe caried and conueighed into Scotlande, ne that the parties, whiche hereafter shal obtaine any licence by force of thys act, for the cariage or conueighaunce of any horses, mares, or geldynges, to bee caried or conueyghed into Scotlande: Bee it therfore enacted by auctho̅itie aforesaide, that all and euery such persone & persones, which hereafter shalbe licenced according to thys acte, to carie or conueigh any horses, mares, or geldynges into Scotlande, shall before the same cariage, or conueyghaunce, vpon the peyne of forfeyture of the said horse, mare, or gelding or the double value thereof: whereof the one moitie to be to the kyng, & the other moitie to him, or them that will sue for the same by suche like action, as before is limitted in thys acte, shewe hys or their said licence, to one of the three wardens of the three marches of Englande, to thintent that one of the said wardens shal cause the number of the said horses, mares, or geldynges so licenced to bee conueighed into Scotlande, not onely to be kaledard in a booke, to remaine in hys owne custody: but also to be endorced and written on the bacheside of the saide licence, and the same endorsement to be signed with the hande of the sayde warden.

Prouided alwayes, that it shalbe lefull to euerye of the kynges Subiectes, that shall passe ouer beyond the sea, to shyp and carye with them, horses, or geldynges, for theyr owne occupation in their iourneyes, and not to the intent to sell the same beyond the sea: And that intente to bee iudged by the othe of hym, or them, that so will carye ouer anye horse, or gelding, whiche othe shalbe taken before the Customers, or their deputies, or searcher of euery such Porte, where the same horse, or geldinge shalbe shipped before the shipping thereof.

Prouided alwayes, that the wardein of the fine portes now being, or hereafter to be, may permit at his pleasure, gene fic horses, or geldinges, & no more, within one yere, at one or diuers tymes, vpon like peine as is aforesaid, to any persone or persones, in the parties beyonde the seas, being in amitie with the kynges highnesse, or his successours; thys acte or any thing therein, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thing therein mencioned, bee in any wise hurtful or preiudicial to the maister of the kynges horses, nowe & hereafter to be, for such thinges & commodities, as shall & bee concerning his office, any thing in thys acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lefull to anye the kynges Subiectes, to carry or sende into any parties beyonde the sea, anye mares, whereof the price of any one mare so to be caried, doth not exceede .x. li. in suche and like maner, as before beyonge of the price of .x. li. hath been mencioned, or

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might haue been considered ouer the Seas, before the makyng of this acte: any thing in this act, or in any other act or actes heretofore made to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

An Acte for the continuaunce of makyng of woolled yarne in Norffolke.

The vi. Chapiter.

WHere the greatest, & almost the whole numbre of the poore inhabitaunts of the countie of Norffolke, & the citie of Norwiche, be, and haue been heretofore for a great time maintened, & gotten their liuing by spinning of the woolles growing in the said countie of Norffolke vpon the rock into yarne, & by all the same time haue vsed to haue their accesse to common markettes within the said countie and citie, to buye their woolles there to be spunne as is aforesaide, of certaine persones called retailers of the same woolles by eight peny worth, and twelue penyworth at one tyme or thereabout, and haue not vsed to buye, ne can buye their saide woolle of the breders of the same woolles by such small parcelles, aswell for that the sayde breders of the sayde woolles will not sell their said woolles by such small parcelles, as also for that the most parte of the sayde poore persones dwell farre of from the said breders of the said woolles: And forasmuche as by an acte of Parliament made in the xxvii. yere of the reigne of the noble king of famous memorie Henry the viii. all persones be restreigned vpon a great paine, to bye any woolles to sell the same againe, except merchaunts of the Staple, for the onely mouision of the Staple, as in the sayd acte emong other thinges more at large it is conteined: therfore the said retailers of woolles in the said countie of Norffolke and citie of Norwiche, whiche heretofore haue vsed to buye woolles, and to sell them again to the saide poore persones in ouert markettes as is aforesayd, haue synce the makyng of the said statut in eschewing the daunger and peyne prouided by the same, ceassed and left to bye the sayd woolles, for the releefe of the sayde poore persones: By reason wherof, the same poore persones inhabiting within the saide countie of Norffolke and citie of Norwich, that hath heretofore been spinners, and maintened by spinninge of the sayde woolles, be now vnoccupied and vnset a worke, and a great numbre of them inforced to begge for lacke of worke, to the vtter decay and ruyne of the poore people of the said Countie and Citie, and the inhabitauntes thereof, vnlesse some remedy be therin prouided. In consideracion whereof, it may please the kynges most royal maiestie, by the assent of the lordes spirituall & temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorytie of the same, that all and euery person and persones dwelling and inhabiting within the saide countie of Norffolke and citie of Norwiche, or in eyther of them, by his, or their seller, or

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by hym,or theire factoures,ſeruaunt or ſeruauntes may lawfully ryde forth without peine,forfaiture,daunger,or breache of anye lawe or ordinaunce,to buie and bargain welles and take and make promiſſion to buie or bargain welles growing,or that ſhal growe only within the ſaid coũtie of Norfolke,in as large and like maner and fourme as the ſame inhabitauntes within the ſayde coũtie and Citie might,or did vſe to do before the making of the ſaide acte of parliament,as the ſayde acte of Parliament had neuer been had or made,ſo that the ſame perſon and perſons ſo buyenge or bargaining,or makinge promiſſe to buye or bargaine the ſaide welles,do ſell or retaile the ſame againe in the common market,or other open place within the ſaide countie of Norfolke,or Citie of Norwiche,to any perſone or perſones at their pleaſure and liberties that willbe the ſame,or any parcel therof,dwelling and inhabiting within the ſaide countie and citie of Norwiche,or any of them,that ſhall or will hyme the ſame within the ſaide countie of Norfolke,and Citie of Norwiche,or any of them: the ſayd former acte,or any article,clauſe or ſentence therein contained,or any other acte or actes,lawe,or ordinaunce heretofore made,to the contrarie thereof in anye wiſe notwithſtãding.

And where in the Parliamẽt holden at weſtminſter the xxviii. yere of the reigne of our ſaide late Soureine Lord the kyng,it was amongſt other thinges enacted thus,as enſueth,or like in effect,that is to ſaye, that no perſone or perſones from henſeforth,ſhoulde buye,ne cauſe to bee boughte within the ſayde Citye of Norwiche,or Countie of Norfolke,anye yarne ſpunne of the rocke,called woiſted yarne,the whiche ſhoulde then after that bee ſpunne within the ſayde Countye or Citie, but ſuche perſon or perſons beinge weuers of woolſted,Ruſſels,Stamine,Baies,and ſuche other like Clothes,within the ſaide Citye or Countie,that ſhoulde weue or worke,or cauſe to be wouen or wrought in woolſted,Stamine,Ruſſelles,Baies,or ſuche other like clothes,the ſayde yarne ſo bought,or cauſed to bee bought within the ſayde Citye or Countie,in the Citie of Norwiche,or in ſome market towne within the ſayde Countie: vpon the peine and forfeiture for euerye pounde weight of the ſaid yarne called woiſted yarne,ſo bought within the ſaid Countie or Citie,and not wouen or wrought,as is aforeſayde,within the ſayde Citie or countie,fourtie ſhillinges,the one haiſe therof to be to the king our ſouereigne Lord,and the other haiſe thereof to be to hym, or them that ſhoulde then after that ſue for the ſame by bill,informacõ, action of dette,or otherwiſe in anye courte of Recorde,in whiche ſayde action,bill,or information,no eſſoine,wager of law,forreine plee,or protection ſhoulde bee allowed. And where it is alſo ordeined in the ſayde acte,that yf anye perſone or perſones,bid after the firſt day of Aprill the next after the ſaid acte enſuing,ſhip,or carie,or conueigh,or cauſe to bee ſhipped,to carie,or conueigh into the parties beyond the Sea,or bid carry or conueigh into the parties beyond the ſea,anye yarne called woolſted

yarne

parte not made, or wrought in cloth, so that such parte were spunne with in thys Realme, that then euery person & persones so shipping, transhyping, and carrying, or causing such parne so to be shipped, caried, and conueighed should forfaict for euery pounde of woollen parne so shypped, conueighed, or caried, xl.s. the one halfe therof to be to our saide Soueraigne Lorde the kyng, & the other halfe therof to hym, or them that should sue for the same, by bill, informacion, or action of debte in any of the kynges courtes of Recorde, as in the said acte the same; or the lyke in effect more plainely doeth & may appeare. And forasmuche as the said acte was made & ordeined to continue & endure vntil the Parliament then after that next ensuing, & hath been sithens by other generall actes continued vntill this present Parliament, & was not by any of the said actes ordeined to continue for euer: It may now please the kings most excellent maiesty, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall & temporall, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by auctoritye of the same, that all the afore rehersed acte for parne, with all the wordes, forfactures, paines, & sentences before recited; as the same before rehersed and declared, may from henceforth be enacted to continue, & to bee taken for an acte to cõtinue for euer to all intents & purposes, according to ỹ said wordes, sentence, & the purport therof before in this acte recited. Prouided alwaies that it shalbe lefull to euery person & persones, being a hatte maker, or that makers, dwelling within ỹ said citye of Norwiche, to buy such of the said woollen parne, as is called and knowen by the name of middle vse parne, as they and euery of them haue heretofore done, & vsed to doe, so that the same middle vse parne so bought by the said hatmakers, or hatmaker, be wrought in hattes, or employed to hatmaking within the saide citie, any thing before recited, to the cõtrary thereof notwithstanding.

¶ The. vii. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the continuaunce of Actions after the death of any king.

Where the kynges subiectes heretofore haue to theire greate costes, charges, and expences, prosecuted, and sued diuerse and sundrye Actions, aswell realle and personall, as all other Actions mixte, or otherwyse, in the kynges Maiestyes courts and other courtes of recorde, not onelye by writtes, but also by plaint or billes, whiche actions, suites, billes, and plaintes, by the deathe, or demyse of the kynges of this Realme, haue been discontinued, and the parties in euery suche actions, suites, billes, & playntes, therby haue been put without day, wherby the demaundaunts, playntifes, and actours in euery suche action and suite were compelled and driuen by the order of the lawes of this realme, for their further remedy, to comence & begin again his, or their saide actions, suites, or plaints, or els to prosecute, & sue resommons, attachements, Scire facias, or suche other like,

proceſſe to reuiue his or their ſaid actions, ſuites, or plaintes, which was not onelye to their great coſtes, charges, expenſes, hinderaunces, & delay of theire cauſes & ſuites, but alſo a greate letter and hyderaunce of iuſtice, for reformacion whereof, be it ordeined, eſtabliſhed, & enacted by the king our ſouereigne Lorde, & the Lordes & commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritye of the ſame, that frō hencefoorth by the death, or demiſe of the kings Maieſtie that now is, (whoſe life almyghtie God long preſerue, hope & continuance in his moſte royal eſtate) nor by the death or demiſe of any ye hereafter ſhalbe kinge of this Realme, any action, ſuite, bill, or plaint, ſeuer, or that hereafter ſhall depende betweene party and party in any of the courtes aforeſaid ſhal not in any wiſe be diſcontynued, or put without day: But that the proceſſe, plees, demurres, and continuaunces in euerye action, actyons, ſuites, billes, or plaintes, whirbe nowe, or that hereafter ſhal depende ſhall ſtand good and effectual, and be proſecuted, & ſued forthe in ſuche maner & fourme, & in the ſame eſtate, condicion and order, as if the ſame king had liued, or continued in full life, the deathe or demiſe hereafter of any king of this Realme notwithſtandyng. And that all & all maner of iudicial proceſſe that hereafter ſhalbe had, or purſued in the time of ye reigne of any other king, then reigned at the time of the purſuitte of the original, or other former proceſſe, ſhalbe made in the name of the kyng, that for the time ſhall reigne, and be king of this realme, and that varyaunce touchyng the ſame proceſſe betweene the names of the kings, ſhal not be in any wiſe material, as concerning any defaulte to bee alleged, or obiected therefore.

And alſo be it further eſtabliſhed and enacted by thauctho̅ritye aforeſaid ye al & euery Aſſiſe of nouel diſſeiſin, aſſiſe of mordaunceſtour, Iuris vtrum, & atteint, which at any time hereafter ſhalbe arreygned, cōmenced or ſued before any of the kings Iuſtices of aſſiſe, ſhal not from hēceforth be diſcontinued or put without day, by reaſon of death, new commiſſion, aſſociacion, or not cōming of the ſame Iuſtices of aſſiſe, or anye of them, but ſhal ſtand good & effectual in the lawe, to all intents, conſtructions and purpoſes, the death, new commiſſion aſſociacion, or not cōming of the ſame Iuſtices, or any of thē, in any wiſe notwithſtāding.

And ouer that, be it ordeined & enacted by the auctho̅ritye aforeſaide, that albeit any demaundaunt or plaintiffe in any maner of action, bill, or ſuite, ſhall fortune to bee made, or created Duke, Archebiſhop, Marques, Earle, Viſcount, Baron, Biſhop, Knight, Iuſtice of the one bēch, or of the other, or Sergeaunt at lawe, depending the ſame accion, bill, or ſuite, yet that notwithſtanding, that no writ, action, or ſuite, ſhall for ſuch cauſe in anye wiſe bee abatable or abated, but ſhal remaine in like force, goodnes, & ſtrength, as the ſame was before, anye lawe, or vſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And alſo be it ordeined and enacted by the auctho̅ritie aforeſaid, that albeit

albeit any person, or persons being Justice of assyse, Justyce of Gaole delyuery, or Justice of peace within any of the kings dominions, or being vnder other of the kings commissions whatsoeuer, shall fortune to be made, or created Duke, Archebishop, Marques, Erle, Viscounte, Baron, Bishop, Knight, Justyce of thone benche, or of the other, or Sergeaunt at lawe, or therof, yet that notwithstanding, he, & they shal remain Justices & cõmissioners, & haue full power & auctorite to execute the same in like maner & fourme, as he, or they might, or ought to haue do before þ same.

And be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that in all cases, where any person, or persones heretofore haue ben, or hereafter shalbe found guilty of any maner of treason, murder, manslaughter, rape or other felony vnlawfully done, for the which iudgement of death should, or may ensue, & shalbe required to perfourme without iudgement at that time geuen against hym, her, or them so found guilty, that whole persons that at any time hereafter shal by the kinges letters Patentes ber assigned Justices to deliuer the Gaole, where any such person or persons found guilty shall remaine, shal haue full power and auctorite to geue iudgement of death against such person so founde guilty, and required, as the same iustices (before whom suche person or persons was, or were found guilty) might haue done, if their cõmission of Gaole delyuery had remained & continued in full force & strength. And ouer that, that no maner of protestes, or suit made, sued, or had before any Justyces of Assise, Gaole delyuery, Oyer and terminer, iustice of peace, or other of the kynges cõmissioners, shal, ne in any wise be discontinued by the making & publishing of any new commission or associacio, or bee altering of þ names of þ iustices of assise, gaole delyuery, Oyer and terminer, iustices of peace or other the kings commissioners, but that the newe iustices of assise, Gaole delyuery, and of the peace, & other cõmissioners maye proceede in euerye behalfe, as if the olde commissions, and Justices, & commissioners had still remained & continued not altered.

¶ The viii. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the confirmacion of letters Patentes.

WHere the kinges most excellent highnesse sithen the xxviii. day of Januarie, in the firste yeare of hys Maiesties reygne, aduised upon diuerse and sundry good considerations, hys Maiestie specially moouing, as also otherwyse, hathe bargayned, solde, exchaunged, geuen, released, and graunted by hys graces seuerall letters Patentes, indentures, or other wrytynges sealed vnder hys hyghnesse greate Seale of Englande, the Seale of hys Duchie of Lancaster, and the seale of the Courte of Augmentacion of the Reuenues of his crowne, or any of them, as well to bodies politique & corporate, as to diuers and sundry of his louing and obedient subiectes, diuerse and sundrye honours, castelles, manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, persones appropriated, aduousons,

tithes, oblacyons, pensions, portions, franchises, privileges, liberties
& other hereditaments, commodities & profites in the same, for myne,
for terme of life, or yeres, or for terme of yeares, as in ye same severall let-
tres patents, Indentures, & other writinges is mencioned & declared:
In and during, the suyte, hunting, or pendaunt of the same severall let-
tres patentes, Indentures, and other writinges, and of the same man-
noirs, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other thynges in them
conteined, lyenge and beynge within the countyes, boundes, & precyncts
of myght hereafter happe to be moved, obiected, alleged, imputed, pro-
cured, or shewed, aswel for mysnaming, misdescripcion, or none recytall of any
of the same honours, castelles, mannours, landes, tenementes, and other
the premisses, or any parcell thereof, or for lacke of pleadyng of offices, or
inquisicions, of, and in the premisses, wherby the tytle of the kynges
highnes therin ought to have been found before the makyng of ye same
lettres patentes, or other writynge, or for mysrecytall, or none recytall of
lesses thereof before made, aswel of record as out of record, or for lacke
of the certeintye, mistakyng, rating, or setting forth of the verely values
and rates of the premisses, or of the verely rents reserved, of, and for the
premisses, or any parcell therof mencioned, or conteyned in any of ye said
lettres patentes, or other writinges, or for that the premisses bee, or a-
ny part thereof is valued to a more, or lesse value in the said lettres pa-
tentes, or writtynges, then the saide honours, mannors, landes, tenemēts
and other the premisses then were or shulde be in verely value, or for myss-
naming of the townes, hamlettes, parishes, or countyes, where ye same
honours, castelles, manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, hereditaments
and other the premisses, and every parcel therof, or ampe parcell thereof
lien, or berne, or for lacke of the true namings of the natures, kyndes,
sortes, and quantities of the saide possessions, or hereditamentes, or a-
nye parcel therof, or for lacke of the true naming of the corporacion of
the same bodies politique, or corporate, or for lacke of attornement, ju-
nerie, or season, or for misnaming of any of the late tenants, or tenors
of the same premisses so solde, geuen, graunted, or exchaunged, as for di-
verse and sundrie other suggestions and surmises, not comprised in the
said lettres patentes, which hereafter might happen to be moved, sur-
mised, or procured against the same lettres patentes. Of gyuen & re-
formacion wherof be it ordeined and enacted by the kinges most excel-
lent highnesse, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall & temporal, & ye
comons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctoritye of the
same, that aswel al & every the saide lettres patents, indentures, & other
writynges, & every of them sealed with, or under the seale or seales above
named, or any of them made, or graunted by the kinges highnes sithens
the xxviij. daye of Januarye last past, as also al and singuler hys graces
lettres patentes, indentures, and other writinges hereafter, during hys
highnesse life (which god long continue) to be had, made, or gran-
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ted with, or vnder any of the seales aboue said, to any body politique, or corporate, or to any other person, or persones of any Honours, castelles, maiours, landes, tenementes, rents, seruices, persones, tithes, pencions, porcions, aduowsons, nominacions, presentacions, fraunchises, liberties, and other hereditamentes, commodities, possessions, & profeictes, of what kinde, nature, or qualitye soeuer they, or any of the be, is, or shalbe, or by whatsoeuer name or names they or any of them, be, is, or shalbe named, knowen, or reputed, shall stand & bee taken, reputed & iudged good, sure, perfect, effectual, & auailable in the law, during ye statutes in them limitted & specified, to al intents, respectes, constructions & purposes against the king his heires, & successors without any confirmacion, licence, dispensacion, or toleracion of the kynge, hys heires or successours: any the causes or matters aboue mencioned, conteined, or hereafter during his said highnes life to be conteined, had, or made in any such letters Patentes, indentures, or other writynges by ye kyng our Soueraigne lord, to ye contrary in any wise notwithstandig.

Prouided alway, that this act, ne any thing therin cõteined, shal not in any wise extende to reuiue, or make good any letters patents made of any office, or offices to any comptroller, customer, alneger, or serchet ne to any letters patentes of the graunte of any other office, or offyces heretofore graunted, or made by our saide Soueraigne lorde the king which now is, or be, or at any time heretofore haue bene adnichelated, determined, or made voide by ingement, by authoritie of parlyament or Decree, nor to any patẽt to be made to any person or persõs for terme of peres, or during the minoritie of an heire, of, or in any manours, lãds or tenements, wherof any trauerse hereafter shalbe tẽdred within thre monethes after any office founde and certified into anye of the kynges courtes of record, ne to any leasses, or graunte of any manors, lands, or tenementes of our saide Soueraigne Lordes hereafter to bee made vnder anye of the Seales of the courts aforesayde, cõtrary to the limytacyon, ordinaunce, prouision, establishment and authority of the same courts, any thyng in this act conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this act, nor any thing therein conteined shal not extende to make any letters patentes of any offyce, or offyces, to be of any other effect, force, or strẽgth, thẽ the same letters patents were, or should haue bene before the making of this act.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that al and singuler suche patentes, grauntees, donees as any time hereafter during the life of our said soueraigne Lord (whiche almighty God long preserue) shal fortune to haue, or obteine any Castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, tithes pencions, porcions, or other hereditaments of the gifte, graunt, sale, or exchange of the kynges Maiestye, or of the onely gifte of the kinges Maiestie, of his most liberal dysposycion, and not solde, whiche at the day of the date of the letters Patents therof

made, shalbe of more, or better yerely value to the king in yerelye rente and ferme, then shalbe conteined, mencioned, and specified in any suche letters patentes, and particulers thereof made by the particuler Surueyour, or Surueiours thereof, & in such byll or billes, as shalbe signed and sealed with the hand, or handes of the patentee, or patentees therof to be exhibyted to the kings Maiestye, or his officer or officers, wythin whose iurney the said manours, landes, and tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parte therof shalbe, or within any of them, whiche bill shalbe signed, sealed, had, and made, as is aforesaide, before any bil shalbe therof signed by the kynges Maiestie, that then euery of the said patentees, grauntees, and donees, their heires, executours, and admynistratours within one yeare next after due proufe, and decrees therof made and had in the courte, within whose iurysdyc the same castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses, or any parcel therof, before the said gifts and grauntes were, shal content and pay to the king for the same ouerplus, & more value of the same manours, lands, tenementes, tithes, pentions, porcions, & other hereditamentes to hym solde, or exchaunged, after such rate, as other landes, and tenementes were before to him sold or exchaunged, and for the ouerplus and more value of suche landes and tenementes as shal happen to be geuen by the kings Maiesty, and not solde, as is abouesaid, the saide patentee, hys heirs, executours, or administratours shal content and pay to the king after the rate of twenty yeres purchase, so that the same proufe and decree be had, & made in maner & fourme abouesaid, within .x. yeres next after the date of the saide letters patentes.

¶ The .ix. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the vniting of certein churches within the city of Yorke.

Where in the auncyent citie of Yorke and suburbes of the same there are manye parishe churches, whiche heretofore the same beyng well inhabited and replenished with people, were good and honest liuinges for learned Incumbents, by reason of the yerely tythes of the ryche marchauntes, and of the offrings of a great multitude, whyche liuinges is nowe so muche decayed by the ruin and decaye of the saide citye, and of the trade of marchaundyse there, that the reuenues and profites of diuers of the same benefices are at thys present not aboue the clere yerely value of .xxvi. li. viii. d. so that a great sort of them are not a competent and honest liuing for a good curate: yea, and no persone will take the cure, but that of necessitye there is some chaunterie Preest, or elles some late Religious persone beyng a stypendarie taken and appointed to the saide cure and benefice, which for the moste parte are vnlearned, and verye ignoraunt persones, not able to doe anye parte of their duties: By reason whereof the saide citie is not onely replenished with blinde guides and pastours, but also

the people muche kept in ignoraunce, aswell of their duties towardes God, as also towardes the kinges Maiestie, and the common wealthe of this realme, and to the great daunger of their soules: In consideracion wherof, and for the better relief and order of the saide citie, it maye please the kinges maiesty by thassent of the lordes spirituall & temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctoritie of the same, that from henceforth it shalbe lawfull to the Maior, & Recorder of the saide citie, & the ordinary or his deputie, & vi. Justices of peace in the said citie, to vnyte & knit together the said parishes into fewer number, that is to wete, so many of the said parishes into one parish, as to them shalbe thought conuenient to be a liuing for one honest incumbent, so the cleare yerely value of one parishe excede not.xx.li. by yere, and so to proceede through the saide citie and suburbs of the same. And that it shalbe lefull for the saide Maior, Recorder, and Aldermen, to pull downe the churches, whiche they shal think superfluous in the said citie and suburbes of the same, and to bestowe the same toward ye reparacions and enlargement of other churches, of the bridges in the saide citie, and to the releefe of the poore people, And further, that the said Maior, Recorder, Ordinarie, or his deputy, & vi. Justices of peace being Aldermen, shal allot & appoint the presentment & patronage of ye church so vnited to the patrons of al the churches, to knit in one parish that they may make their presentments by turne, euery one according to their quantitie of his former patronage.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, ye al such incumbents of the churches aforesayde, that shalbe put downe by vertue of this act, shall haue the yerely value of their benefices after the rate they do pay tenthes during their liues, so they wyll do seruice therfore in the churches appointed for the parish churche, according to their former duties: And if they refuse to serue, then they onely during their liues to haue the thirde parte of the value as is aforesaid, & to be paied at the hands of the incumbent of ye parish church to be appointed

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that the incumbents of euery such church, which by vertue of this acte shalbe made and ordeyned for the parish churche, & whereunto any other parishe, or parishes shalbe vnited, shal after the vnion therof, yerelye paye the tenthes to be due for the same to the kynges Maiestie, his heires & successours of the same churche, and of al other churches therunto vnited & annexed. And the sayd incumbents of the parishe churche so vnyted to haue his allowance of the incumbents of the churches so vnited therunto, during their seuerall liues, according to the rate and portio of the churches so vnited, as shalbe assigned by the abouesaid persons, hauing authoritie by this acte to vnite the same. And the successor & successours of euery such incumbent of euery such churche, as shall be made the parishe churche, & whereunto any churche or parishe shall bee vnited

by force of this act, shall pay, or compounde for the first fruites thereof at euery auoidaunce before his induction to the same, according to such yerely value, at such church or churches, as shalbe made a parish church & whereunto any church, or churches, parish, or Parishes shalbe united by force of this act, shalbe of, at the time of the union therof, and as if it had been of suche like yerely value at ỳ time of making of ỳ statute for first fruites and tenthes, and of no greater value: any ordinaunce, statute, or lawe, to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The.x. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for erigentes & Proclamacions in Wales, & in the Countye Palantine of Chester, & also in the citie of Chester.

WHere in the high Court of Parliament holden at westmynster the.xxvii. yere of the most prosperous reigne of ỳ late famous king Henry the eight, by the assent of the Lordes Spirytuall and Temporall, and the commons assembled in the saide high Courte of Parliament: it was enacted and established by aucthoritye of the same Parlyamente, that hys highnesse dominion and principalytie of Wales, and of manours, landes, tenementes, and other dompynons wythin the sayde Dompnion and principalitye of Wales should be deuyded into twelue Shyeres, or Counties, that is to saye, the Shieres or counties of Glamorgan, Radnour, Brecknok, Karmerthen, Pembroke, Cardigan, Mermonneth, Montgomerie, Flinte, Carnaruan, Angiesle, & Denbigh, in euery of whiche saide counties & shyeres, emongst the officers yerely appointed, it was thē ordayned that there should be distinct and seueral shirifes yearelye, & also where the counties Palantine of Chester, and of the citie of Chester, be auncient and seueral counties Palantine of thēselues, in al which said counties, the kynges wryt hath not, nor yet doth not runne: So that the proclamacion awarded vpon any erigent against any persone or persons, in any accion, wherin processe of outlawry dothe lye according to the statute made in the.xi. yere of the reigne of the saide late king, cannot be directed vnto ỳ shirife or shirifes of any of the saide shires or counties, but vnto the shirife of the countye next adioyning: So that the party dwellyng in any of the said shieres or counties, against whom anye suche erigent and proclamacion shalbe so awarded, shall not, nor cā haue any knowledge of the same suite, or processe, by reason wherof many of the persons inhabitinge in the saide shieres and counties, without knowledge, or cause of suite, haue ben wrōgfully and vniustly vtlaged to their vtter vndoing.

Be it therfore, & for diuerse other good considerations, by the king our souereigne Lord, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall & tēporall, and the commons in this presente Parliamente assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same enacted, ordeyned, and established, that if and whē soeuer any writ of erigent at any time after the first Daye of Aprill next comming shalbe awarded at the suite of the king, or of any other persō

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or persones plaintife, or plaintifes, in any action or suite, in any of the courtes of our saide Soueraigne lord the king, his heires or successors commonly called the kinges benche, and the common place, against any person, or persons, dwelling in any of the aforesaide counties in wales, or in the said counties Palantine of Chester, or the city of Chester, or in any of them: that then immediatly vpon the awarding of euery such erigent, the Justice or Justices before whom any such writ of erigent vpon such suite, or action shalbe sued, shal haue full & auctority to awarde one writ of Proclamation according to the tenour & effect of Proclamations awarded vpon exigentes, directed out of any of the saide courtes in London, against any persons dwellinge in any other shiere, where the kynges writ is curraunt, according to the order and fourme of the sayde statute made in the .xxxi. yere of the said late king to be directed to such of the aforesaid shiriues of any of the aforesayd counties in wales, & of the counties Palantine of Chester, and of the city of Chester for the time being, where it shall happen the said defendant, against whom any such action shalbe sued, as is aforesaid, to be dwelling And that euery such writ of Proclamation shal haue the same teste and day of returne, as the exigent, whereupon euery such writ of Proclamation shalbe awarded, shal haue: And that euery suche shiryfe to whom any such writ of Proclamation shalbe directed, shal make Proclamacyon of the said writ of proclamation, according to the tenour of the same, & shal make true returne of the same in such court, & before such iustices as the tenour of the same writ shal require & demaund. And yat all outlaries hereafter to be promulged, or pronounced against any persone or persons vpon any such exigent, or exigentes, awarded against any person or persons, dwelling in any of the said counties of wales, & the counties Palantine of Chester, & of the citie of Chester, & no writ of Proclamation awarded in fourme aboue said, to the shyrife, or shirifes of the countie, where the party defendant shalbe, as is aboue said, dwelling, or not returned, to be clerely holde, and of no effecte, nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that al & euery shiriffe and shirifes & euery of the said counties of wales, and of the counties Palantine of Chester, and of the citye of Chester aforesayde shall haue in euery of the saide courtes of the kynges Benche, & of the common place, one sufficient Deputie at the least, to receiue all writtes directed to suche the shiryfe, or shirifes, for whom the same Deputie or deputies shalbe appointed, in the maner and fourme, and vpon like penes, as by the former Statutes & lawes of this realme other shirifes of other shires, or counties within this realme of Englande be holden to haue, in either of the same courtes: and that all writtes of proclamation aforesaide shalbe deliuered vnto euery suche Deputy of Recorde in the same courtes, and also like fees shalbe payde for making euery suche writ of proclamation, and for enrolling the same of Recorde, as is

limitted in the said statute made in the said fifte yere of the reigne of our said late Soueraigne lord king Henry the eight.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person dwelling in any of the said counties of Wales, after the aforesaid first day of April shalbe attached in any suite, or action aforesaid, that then writes of speciall Capias vtlagat: shalbe Capias vtlagat, & molestand and all other processe, for, or against any person soattached, shal, & may frō thencefoorth be directed to the sheriff of any of the said counties in Wales, as immediate officers to the kings said courtes of the kinges benche, or common place in their behalfe: and that euery such writtes may be deliuered of records to the sheriffe of such of the said sheriffes, to whom any such writ, or processe is also directed, & that euerye such sheriffe shal make execution and returne of euery such writte of processe to him directed, upon like peyne & penalte, as is aboue limytted.

And be it further enacted & ordeyned, that if any such writ, or writtes of Proclamation hereafter directed to any of the sheriffes of anye of the said shires in Wales, or counties Palantyne of Chester, or of the citie of Chester, be delyuered vnto any of the said sheriffes for the tyme being, or to his or their deputy, in maner & forme aforesaid: & the same sheriffe or sheriffes do not make true returne of euery such writ & writtes of Proclamation, into such courtes & courtes, one of which the said writ, or writtes of Proclamation shalbe awarded: that for euery such faulte of none returne, euerye such sheriffe for the time being shall lose and forfait. vl. li. the one halfe thereof shalbe to our Soueraigne Lord the king, his heires and successours: the other halfe to any such persons or persons as will sue for the same in an action of debt grounded upon this acte, in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, wherein no essoygne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed, or admitted.

Prouided alwaies this acte, or any thing therein contained, shal not in any wise extend, or be preiudicial to the liues courtes of Wales, or to the said counties Palantine of Chester, or of the citie of Chester, for, or concerning such liberties, franchises, or priuileges, as belong to the, or any of them, or to any of the courtes, or officers of them, or any of them, otherwise, or in any other maner, then by the true meaning of this act is before prouided & declared: any thing in this act mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, & this act, that any thing therein contained, shal not in any wise be preiudicial, or hurtefull to any of the counties in Wales, but that they & euery of them, and their heires, and the heires of euery of them shal and may haue like liberty, interest, and gouernance, as they, and euerye of them had, might, or ought to haue had before the making of this act, and all though this act had neuer been had, or made: any thing in this acte mentioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The.xi. Chapter.

An Acte for the repeale of a certaine statute made in the.xxviii. yere of the reigne of the late kyng of moste famous memory kyng Henry the.viii. for reuokyng of actes of Parliament.

Where in the Parliament begonne at Westminster the.xxviii. yere of the reigne of the late kynge of famous memory kyng Henry the eight, it was enacted by the auctoritie of the saide Parliament, that if the Emperyall crowne of this Realme, after the decease of the saide late kyng, shoulde dyscende, come, or remain to the heires of oure said late Soueraign Lord, or to any person to be limitted by his highnesse, as of verye right it must, and ought to doe accordyng to the lawes of this realme established for the same, the said heire, or suche persone beinge within the age of fower & twenty yeres, & that then any acte or actes of Parliament should happen to be made & established in any parliament, yt then should be holden before such heire or heires, person or persons then being in possession of the sayd crowne should be of their full ages, of.xxiiii. yeres, that then euery such heire, or heires of our saide late soueraigne Lorde, or such person so possessed of the crowne being within the same age of.xxiiii. yeares, should haue full power and auctoritie at all times, after they should come to their said full ages of.xxiiii. yeres, by their letters patentes vnder the great seale of England to reuoke, adnul, & repeale all and singuler such acts made & established by their royal assentes, in any Parliament holden during ỳ time that they were within their said age of.xxiiii. yeares, their royall assentes had to the same, during the time that they were within ỳ said age of.xxiiii. yeres or any acte, or actes thereafter to be made, to the contrary therof notwithstading. And it was also enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that euery suche repeale, adnullacion, and reuocation of any acte or actes that should be made and established, in any Parliamente holde before the time that such heire, or person possessed of the crowne should be of the said age of xxiiii. yeres should be as good and effectual, to all intents & purposes as though it hath ben done by the auctority of Parliament, as in the saide acte is more plainly declared: Sith the makyng of which estatute, it hath pleased almightie GOD to take vn to his mercye our saide late Soueraigne Lorde king Henry the eight, our now most gracious & deare Soueraigne liege lord kyng Edward the.vi. his sonne & heire (whose life God long preserue) now beig aboue the age of.x. yeres & vnder the age of .xi. yeres: during whose minority as the common wealth of his highnesse realme of England, & Ireland as of all the dominions and countreis of the same, is, and moste necessarye ought to be prouided for, maintened, and preserued: so is it the naturall duitie of euery good, true, and louing subiecte, to applie him self with al his power and diligence, to studye, inuente, and practyse by all waies, meanes, and maners, for the conseruacion of the same. And for

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Lorde the king that now is, & his said saufegard and suerty of his royal
persone, & for the good tranquilite, quietnes, rest, and peace of this sayd
Realmes, countreis, dominions, and subiectes, diuers wholsome lawes
& statutes are to be ordened, established, & prouided, as also some lawes
& statutes to bee repealed & abrogated, as the case shal require, according
to the disposicion of the people, vnto whome cannot take anye good effect, or
sucresse, without actes & prouisions of parliamente to be made, before
their ages of xxiiii. yeres. And for that it should come vnto all men, that
the good intencion, meaning, & purpose of the said late king, and of the
makers of the sayde statute, was not, that good and wholsome lawes
which should be made, prouided, and ordained for the good gouernaunce
of the Realmes and dominions aboue saide, during the time that anye
king of this Realme should be within y said age of xxiiii. yeres should
from the time of the decease of the auncestor, or progenitor of any such
king within the age of xxiiii. yeres, at the time of the death of the saide
auncestour, or progenitour, vntill the age of xxiiii. yeares, of any such
king, be made, demed, and adiudged to be voide by any such letters pa-
tentes, to all intentes & purposes, as though they neuer had been made
but that the saide actes, and euery of them, and all, and euery thynge, &
the same, should be good, auaylable, and perfit in the lawe: And that y
saide reuocacion, abrogacion, & repeale, should be taken to make voide
the saide actes, and euery of them onely, from the time of the said reuo-
cation, abrogacion and repeale, & not otherwise: The cõtrary entende-
ment and exposicion wherof, might otherwise, not onely discourage all
subiectes during that time, and those peres, to endeuour themselues, to
and for the aduising, setting forthe, and consenting to the making of
good and wholsome lawes: but also shoulde cause the sayd subiectes to
adiudge and thinke themselues to liue for that time, vnder no maner
of certaintie, or assurauce of any positiue lawe, or statute during that
time to be made, or prouided: Be it therefore enacted, by the king oure
Souereigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall,
& the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctho-
ritie of the same, that the said act of parliament aboue excepted, made in
the saide .xxviii. yeare of the reigne of the said late King, & euery word,
article, clause, matter, sentence, and thing therein specified & conteined,
shall by authoritie of this present Parliament, bee, to all intentes, con-
structions, and purposes, vtterly voide, abrogated, repeled, and of none
effect, & as though the same had neuer been had ne made. Neuertheles
to the entente the kinges highnesse our Souereign lord may haue po-
wer, authoritie, preeminence and prerogatiue at his full age of xxiiii
yeres, or at any time after, at his libertie and pleasure, to repeale al sta-
tutes and actes of Parliament, diuers made in this present parliamente

as hereafter in any other Parlament to be holden, before he shall accõplishe the sayde age of xviii.yeres, to be made or ordeined, according to the true intent and meaning of the makers of the sayde former statute.

Be it further ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parlament, that our saide soueraigne lord the kyng that now is, at his full age of xviii.yeres, or at any tyme after, and all and euery his heire and heires of the sayd late kyng, and other persone and persones, to whom the Imperial crowne of this realme shal hereafter descend, come, or remaine by thappointment of the sayde late kyng, in that case prouided & made, then being within the age of xviii.yeres, shall haue full power & auctoritie, by vertue of this present acte, at all tymes, after he, or they shal come to his, or their full age of xviii.yeres, by his, or their letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to repeale all & singular acte & actes, or any of thẽ, as he, or shalbe made, or established by his or their Royal assentes in any Parlament holden, or to be holden, during the tyme that he, or they was, were, or shalbe, within ỹ said age of xviii. yeres, other then this present act of Parlament, and other then all pardons graunted & to bee graunted, within the said seuerall ages of xviii. yeres, by auctoritie of Parlament, so that the same repeale be made and vsed in maner and fourme hereafter folowing, that is to say, that euery suche letters patentes of repeale shall contrine all suche actes, as shalbee repealed, and shalbe solemnely & openly proclaimed in the kyngs courte of Chaunterie, betwene the houres of ix. & xi. before noone at three seuerall dayes, in euery of two of the iiii. vsual termes to bee holden at westminster, or els where within this realme of Englande, & also one time in euery countie of this Realme, and in wales, at the seuerall Assises to bee holden in the same seuerall counties, betwene like houres, and that then after xl. daies next after suche Proclamation, in all and euery place and countie aboue saide, so had and made, the sayde letters patentes of repeale to take their force, strength and effect, and not before, or from any other tyme or season, nor in any other maner or fourme. And that all and euery suche acte and actes, as wel made in this Parlament, as hereafter to be made, within the sayde age of xviii.yeres, of our soueregne Lord the kynges maiestie that now is, as in the tyme of any of the sayd heire or heires, or other the saide persone or persones then beyng in possession of the Imperial crowne of this realme, & vnder the age of xviii. yeres, shalbe good and effectuall to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, vntill the sayde letters Patentes of repeale, Proclamations, and xl. dayes shalbe so had, made, runne, and past: and that all and euery act and actes, thing and thinges, vsed, had, committed, done, suffred, or executed by the auctoritie of the sayde acte or actes, or any of them, within any of the sayde ages of xviii.yeres, according to the purporte, tenor, & effect of the sayde act or actes, or any of them, shalbe good and effectuall for euer, the sayde repeale so to be made, in any wise notwithstanding, &

that all and euery perſone and perſones, bodies politique and corporat, ſhall and may by the auctoritie of thys preſent acte, from time to time, aſwell after the ſayde repeale as before, pleade, or allege, for his or their defence, excuſe, indemnitie, profite, benefite, or aduantage, all and euery ſuche act or actes, or any of them ſo reuoked, abrogated, or repealed, or to bee reuoked, abrogated, or repealed, for, concerninge, or in anye wiſe touchyng any thing or thynges had, vſed, graunted, ſuffered, poſſeſſed, committed, doen, or accrued, by thauctoritie, ſufferaunce, or force of the ſayd acte and actes, or anye of them before the reuocation, abrogation, or repealinge of the ſame, in ſuche and as ample maner and fourme, as if the ſayd acte and actes ſo to be reuoked, abrogated, or repealed, and euery of them, had ſtand in hys and their full ſtrength, force, and effect, and as yf the ſayd act or actes had neuer ben reuoked, abrogated, or repealed: anye thyng in ſuche repeale conteined notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, & be it alſo ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that no kyng nor kynges of thys realme, ſhal haue auctoritie, power, or prerogatiue, to repeale any acte of Parlament or eſtatute, that ſhalbe made in the tyme of anye kyng before the ſayde age of xviii. yeres, other then ſuch as be, or ſhalbe made in his owne tyme: any thing aboue mencioned to the contrarye in anye wiſe notwithſtanding.

¶ An act for the repeale of certain ſtatutes, concerning treaſons, felonies, &c. ℭ The.xii. Chapiter.

NOthing being more godlye, more ſure, more to bee wiſhed & deſired betwixt a Prince, the ſupreme head and ruler, & the ſubiectes, whoſe gouernour & head he is, then on the princes parte, great clemencie and indulgencie, and rather to muche forgeueneſſe & remiſſion of hys royal power, & inſte puniſhement, then exact ſeueritie & iuſtice to be ſhewed: & on the ſubiects behaife that they ſhoulde obey rather for loue, and for the neceſſitie and loue of a kyng and Prince, then for feare of hys ſtreight, and ſeuere lawes: yet ſuche times at ſome time commeth in the common wealth, that it is neceſſary and expedient, for the repreſſing of the inſolencie and vnrulines of men, and for the foreſeeing and prouiding of remedies againſt rebellion, inſurrection, or ſuche miſchiefes (as god ſome tyme with hys diſpleaſed for ours puniſhement both inflicte and laye vpon vs, or the Deuill at Goddes permiſſion to aſſaye the good and goddes elect, doth ſowe, and ſette emonges) the which almyghtie God, with hys helpe and manes policie, hath alwayes been content and pleaſed to haue ſtayed, that ſhal not haue, as a perfect byddie ſhould be made, to ſtay thoſe men & factes, that might els be occaſion, cauſe and authours of further inconueniences, the which thyng cauſed the prince of moſt famous memory, kyng henry the eight, father to our ſaid ſouereigne Lord the kyng, and other hys predeceſſours progenitours, with aſſent of the nobles & commons, at diuers Parlaments in theire ſeuerall tymes holden, to make and enacte

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certain lawes and statutes, which might seeme and appeare to men of
ertreme rigour, & many of the kynges maiesties subiects very streight,
sore, extreme, & terrible, although they were then, when they were made
not without great consideration & politike, made and established, and
for the time to the abundaunce of sundry offences conuenient, very expedient
and necessary. But as in respect of seasons, one kinde, & garment is co-
uenient, in time of warre more seruiceable, & more liberal ease, or lyghter gar-
ment, both may, and ought to be followed and vsed: so we haue seene di-
uers straight and false lawes made in one Parlement, the same requi-
ring, in a more calme and quiet reigne of another prince, by the like au-
thorite and Parlament repealed and taken away. The whiche moste
hyghe clemencie and royall example of his Maiesties most noble pro-
genitours, the kynges hyghenes of his tender & godly nature moste gene
to mercy and loue of his subiectes, willing to follow, and pertending
the harte and hyncere loue, that his moste loyng subiectes, both the
Lordes & cõmons doth beare vnto his hyghnesse, now in this his maie-
sties tender age, willing also to gratifie the same therfore, and minding
further to prouoke his sayde subiectes with indulgencie and clemencie
shewed on his hyghnes behalfe, to more loue and kyndnes toward his
Maiestie (if it may be) and vpon truste that they will not abuse the same,
but rather be encouraged thereby more faithfully, & with more diligence
(if it may bee) and care for his Maiestie, to serue his hyghnesse now in
this his tender age, is contented and pleased, that the seuerite of certain
lawes here folowing be mitigated & remitted: Be it therfore ordeined
and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the Lor-
des spirituall and temporall, and of the cõmons in this present parliamẽt
assembled, & by the authoritie of the same, that from henceforthe, none
acte, deede, or offence, being by acte of Parlament, or statute made trea-
son, or petit treason, by woordes, writing, cyphring, deedes, or other wise
whatsoeuer shalbe taken, had, demed, or adiudged to bee hygh treason,
or petit treason, but onely such as be treason or petit treason, in, or by the
acte of Parliamẽt, or statute made in the xxv. yere of the reigne of ỹ moste
noble kyng of famous memory kyng Edward the iii. touching, or cõcer-
ning treason, or the declarations of treasons: & suche offences as here-
after shall by this his present acte be expressed & declared to bee treason, or
petit treason, and none other, nor that any peynes of deathe, penalties, or
forfeyture in any wise inlue, or be to any of the offenders, for the deyng
or committing any treason, or petit treason, other then such as be in the
said estatute made in the sayd xxv. yere of the reigne of the saide kynge
Edward the iii. or by this present estatute ordeined & prouided: any act
or actes of parliamẽt, statute or statutes, had, or made at any time here-
tofore, or after the sayde xxv. yere of the reigne of the said late king Ed-
ward the third, or anye other declaration or matter, to the contrarye in
anye wise notwithstanding.

And also bee it enacted by the auctho̅itie afo̅esaide, that all actes of Parlament and estatutes, touching, mentioning, o̅r in anye wise concerning religion o̅r opinions, that is to say, alwell the Statute made in the first yere of the reigne of the kynges noble progenitour kynge Richarde the second, and the statute made in the second yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the v. and the Statute also made in the iii. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the eight, concerning punishement and reformation of Heretiques and lollardes, and euery pro̅ision therein conteined, and the statute made for thabolishement of diuersities of opinio̅s, in certein articles concerning Christian religion, commonly called the vi. articles made in the Parlament begonne at Westminster the xxviii. daye of Aprill, in the xxxi. yere of the reigne of the moste noble and victorious Prince, of moste famous memory kyng Henry the eight, father to oure moste dread Soueraine lo̅rd the king that now is, and also thact of Parlament and statute made of the Parlament begon at Westminster the xvi. daye of January, in the xxviii. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight and after that prorogued vnto the xvii. day of January, in the xxxiii. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, touching, me̅cioning, o̅r in any wise co̅cerning bokes of olde and new testament in English, and the Printing, bitterng, selling, geuing, o̅r deliueringe of bookes, o̅r writtinges, and retayning of English bookes o̅r writtings, and reading, preaching, teaching, o̅r expounding of scripture, o̅r in any wise touching, mencioning, o̅r concerning any of the same matters. And also one other statute made in the parlament holden at Westminster, in the xxxv. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, concerning the qualification of the statute of vi. articles, & all & euery other act o̅r actes of parlament, concerning doctrine, o̅r matters of religion, & all and euery branche, article, sentence, and matter, peines & forfeitures co̅teined, mentioned, o̅r in any wise declared, in any of the same actes of parlament, o̅r estatutes, shal fro̅ he̅cefoorth be repeled, & vtterly voide & of none effect.

And bee it further o̅rdeined and enacted by the auctho̅itie afo̅resayd, that all offences made felony, by any acte o̅r actes of parlament, statute, o̅r statutes, made sithens the xxviii. daye of Aprill, in the firste yere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eight, not being felony before, & also, all and euery the braunches and articles mentioned, o̅r in any wise declared, in any of the same statutes, concerning the makyng of any offence o̅r offences, to be felony, not being felony before: and all peynes & forfeitures, concerning the same, o̅r anye of them, shal from henceforthe be repealed, and vtterly voide and of none effect.

And bee it also o̅rdeyned & enacted by the auctho̅itie afo̅resayde, that one acte made in the Parlament holden at Westminster, in the xxxi. yere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eight, that proclamacions made by the kynges highnesse, by the aduise of his honorable counsaile, shoulde bee obeyed and kepte, as though they were made by auctho̅ri-

of a parlament: and also one other act made in the Parlament holdē in the xxiiii. yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight, for the due execution of the said proclamations, & also all & euery braunche, article & matter in the same statutes, & euery of thē mēcioned or declared shal from henceforth be repealed, and vtterly voide, and of none effect.

And bee it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that yf any persone or persones, at any tyme after the firste daye of Marche nexte comming, by open preaching, expresse wordes or sayinges, do affirme, or set forth, that the kyng, hys heires or successoures kynges of this realme for the time being is not, or ought not to bee supreme head in earth of the Church of England and Ireland, or any of them, immediately vnder God, or that the bishop of Rome, or any other person or persons, other then the kyng of Englande for the time being is, or ought to bee by the lawes of God, supreme head of the same churchs, or of any of thē, or that the kyng, his heires or successoures kyngs of thys realme, is not, or ought not to bee kyng of England, Fraunce and Ireland, or of any of them, or after the sayd first day of Marche, doe compasse or imagine by open preachinge, expresse woordes, or sayinges, to depose or deprive the kyng, hys heirs, or successours kyngs of thys realme, from hys, or theire Royal estate, or titles, to, or of the realmes aforesayd, or doe openly publishe, or say by expresse wordes or sayinges, that any other persone, or persons, other thē the kyng, hys heirs or successours kynges of thys realme, of right ought to be kyngs of the realmes aforesaid, or any of them, or to haue & enioy the same, or anye of them: that then euerye suche offendor being thereof duely conuicted, or attainted by the lawes of thys realme, their aidors, cōforters, abbettors, procurours, and counsailours, for his or their such first offence, shall lose and forfayte to the kyng, all hys & theire goodes, and cattalles, and also shall haue & suffre imprisonement, of hys & theyr bodies, at the kyngs will and pleasure. And if any persone beyng once conuicted or attainted of anye of the sayde offences, shall after hys conuiction or attaindour eftsones commit or perpetrate any of the offences before mentioned, other then such as be expressed in the sayde estatute, made in the sayde xxv. yere of kyng Edwarde the iii. and shalbe thereof duely cōuicted or attainted by the lawes of this realme: that then euery such offendor, their aidors, cōforters, abbettours, procurours and counsaylors, for his, or their said second offence or offences, shall lose and forfayte to the kyng, the whole issues and profites of all hys & their lādes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, benefices, prebendes, & other spiritual promotions, for terme of life, of suche offendour or offendoures: & shall also lose and forfayte to the kyng all his and their goodes and cattalles, and also suffre, during hys and their lifes, perpetual imprisonmēt of his and their bodies. And if anye persone being two tymes hereafter conuicted or attainted of any of the same offences, shall after his said second conuiction or attainder, eftsons commit or perpetrate again any of

the said offences to be therof duely conuicted or attainted by the lawes and statutes of this realme: that then euery such third offence or offences, shalbe demed and adiudged high treason, and the offendor or offendors, their aidors, comfortors, abbettours, procurours, & counsailours, being therin conuicted or attainted, according to the lawes & statuts of this realme, shalbe deemed and adiudged highe traitours, & shal suffre peines of deathe, and lose and forfaite all theire goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any persone or persones, at any time after the sayd first day of March next comming, by writing, printing, ouert deede or acte, doe affirme, or sett forth, that the kyng of this realme for the tyme being, is not, or ought not to be supreme head in earth of the churche of England and Ireland, or of any of thē, immediately vnder God: or shall, by writing, printing, ouert deede, or acte, after the sayd first daye of Marche, affirme, or set forth, þ the bishop of Rome, or any other person or persons, other then the kyng of Englande for the time being, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God, or otherwise, the supreme head in earth of the same churches, or of anye of them: or do after the said first day of March, compasse, or imagine by writing, printing, ouert deede or acte, to depose or deprsiue the kyng, hys heires or successours kyngs of this realme, frō his, or their royal estate, or titles of the kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, or of anye of them: or by any writting, printing, ouert dede, or acte, do affirme, þ any other persone or persons, other then the kyng, hys heirs and successours is, or of right ought to be king of the realmes of Englande, Fraunce, or Ireland, or to haue and enioy the same, or any of them: that then euery suche offence and offences, shalbe demed and adiudged highe treason, & thoffendour & offendours, their aidours, cōfforters, abbettors, procurers, and counsailours therin cōuicted or attainted, according to the lawes & statutes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged highe traitours, & shal suffre peines of death, & lose & forfeit al theire goodes and cattales, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of highe treason.

Prouided always, & be it enacted by thauctorite aforesayd, that this statute, or any thing therein conteined, shal not in anye wise extende to repeil, adnulle, or make frustrate or voyde, anye acte or actes of Parlament, statute or statutes made, concerninge the counterfeytinge, or forgeing of any of the coynes of this Realme, or for the coyne of any other realme or realmes, curraūt within this realme, or for clipping, washinge, or filing anye of the sayd coines, or for, or concerninge the bringing into this realme, of counterfaite money or coyne: ne to anye statute made in the xxvii. yere of the said late kyng Henry the eight, concerning the false forgeing and counterfeyting of the kynges signes Manuell, priuie signate, or priuie seale, ne to their counsailours, procurors, aidours, and abbettours, nor to any article or braunche concerning the same offences, or

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any of them conteined in the same statutes, or any of them.

And be it further enacted by the auctho̅itie afore̅sayd, that if any the heires of the king our said soueraigne lord that now is, or anye persone or persones, to whom the crowne and dignitie of this realme is limited and appointed by act of parliament, made in the xxxv. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, or the heires of any of them doe at any time hereafter, vsurpe the one of them vpon the other, in the crowne of this realme, or demaūde, challēge, or claime the same, otherwise, or in any other fourme or degre of discent or succession, or in any other course, fourme, degree, or cō̅dition, but onely in suche maner & fourme, as is declared by the said estatute: or if any of the saide heires, or persons afore̅sayde, do interrupt, or let the kyngs hyghnesse that now is, peaceablye & quietly to kepe, haue, and enioy the sayd imperial Crowne: that then, all & singular the offendors, their aidors, confeterers, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors therein, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh traitors, and shall suffre and incurre the peines of death, losse and forfeitures, as is afore̅sayd, in cases of hyghe treason.

And it is further ordeyned & enacted by the auctho̅itie afore̅sayde, that no person or persons, that heretofore hath been, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe, in due fourme of the lawes attainted or cōuicted of murder of malice prepensed, or of poisoning of malice prepensed, or of breakynge of any house by day or by night, any persone being then in ỹ same house, where the same breaking heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbe committed, and heretofore hath been, or heraiter shalbe, thereby put in feare or dreade, or of, or for robbing of any person or persons in the high way, or nere to the high waye, or for felonious stealing of horses, geldynges, or mares, or of felonious taking of any goodes out of any parish church or other churche, or chappel, or being indicted or appealed of anye of the same offences, and thereupon found gyltie by verdict of xii. men, or shall confesse the same, vpon hys or their arreignement, or will not aunswere directly, according to the lawes of this realme, or shal stande wilfully, or of malice mute, shall not bee admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefite of hys clergie or Sanctuary, but shalbe put from the same: and that in all other cases of felonie, other then suche as before mentioned, all and singuler persone & persones, which after the first daye of March next comming, shalbe arreigned or founde gyltie, vpon his or their arreignement, or shal confesse the same, or stand mute in fourme afore̅sayd, or will not aunswere directly in fourme aboue̅said, shal haue and enioy the priuilege and benefite of his or their clergie, the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuarye, in like maner and fourme, as he or they might, or shoulde haue doen, before the xxiiii. day of Aprill, in the firste yere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eight.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctozitie afore̅sayde, that all clauses, articles, and sentences, mentioned, or specified in any acte or

actes of parliament, statute or statutes made in the tyme of the reigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eight, touching, or in any wise concerning any maner of challenge, for the Countie, Hundred, or peremptory challenge, or any of them, or touching, or in any wise concerning any maner of triall of forein pleas pleded by murtherers, felons, or other offendors shall, as cõcerning the said challenges and triale, remaine in their force and strength not repealed, any thing in thys act mentioned, sounding or seming to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that thys act of parliament, or any thing therin mẽcioned as cõcerning the repeale of anye estatute or estatutes made touching treason, or misprision of treason, shal not in any wise geue any maner of benefit, aduauntage, or commoditie, to any persone or persones, being the last day of October laste past, arrested, or imprisoned for treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason, or to any person or persons heretofore being indicted of treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason, or to any other persone or persons being likewise conuicted, outlawed, or attainted of treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason: or beyng fled beyond the seas, or into Scotlande, before the sayde laste daye of October laste paste, for any treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason: but that they & euery of them, shal suffre suche peines of death, losses and forfeitures of landes and goodes, as in cases of treason, as though thys acte had neuer been had or made: any thing in thys acte to the cõtrarie in any wise notwithstanding: & that the lawes & statutes repealed by thys act shall stand against thẽ: & euery of thẽ, in full strength, vertue, force and effect, concerning all & euery offence by thẽ, or any of thẽ, heretofore cõmitted or doen.

Prouided also, and be it ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all wilfull killinge, by poisoning of anye persone or persones, that at anye time hereafter shalbe doen, perpetrated, or committed, shalbe adiudged, takẽ, and demed wilful murders of malice prepensed: and that the offendors therin, their aidors, abbettours, procurours, & counsailours, shall suffre death, and forfait in euery behalfe, as in other cases of wilfull murder of malice prepensed.

And ouer that, bee it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesayde, that in all and euery case and cases, where any of the kynges Maiesties subiectes shall & maye vpon hys prayer, haue the priuilege of clergie, as a Clerke conuict, that may make purgation in all those cases, and euery of them, and also in all and euery case and cases of felony, wherein the priuilege and benefite of clergie is restreined, excepted, or takẽ away by thys estatute, or acte, (wilful murder, and poysoning of malice prepensed, onelye excepted) the Lorde and lordes of the parliament, and pere and peres of the realme hauing place and voyce in parliament, shall by vertue of thys present acte of common grace, vpon hys, or theire request or prayer, alleging that he is a Lorde, or pere of this realme, & claiminge the benefite

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of this act, though he cannot reade, without any burning in ye hand, losse of inheritaunce, or corruption of his bloud, be adiudged, deemed, taken, & used for his first time only to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as he that be conuicte, shall in case of a clerke conuict, whiche may make purgation, without any further or other benefite or priuilege of clergie, to any such Lorde or pere, frō thensforth at any tyme after, for any case to be allowed, adiudged, or admitted: any lawe, statute, vsage, custome, or any other thing to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that if anye of the sayde Lordes of the parliament, or any of the peres of this realme for the time being, shal fortune to bee indicted of any of the offences limitted in this act; that the they & euery of them, shal haue his or their triall by their peeres, as it hath been vsed heretofore, in cases of high treason.

And bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any persone or persones, that by this statute, or by any other statutes or lawes of this realme ought to haue, or bee admitted to the benefite of his, or their clergie: that the same persone and persones, shalbe from hencforth admitted & allowed to his or their clergie, although they, or any of them haue ben diuers & sundrye times maried, to any single woman, or single women, or to anye widowe, or widowes, or to two wiues, or mo: anye law, statute, or vsage, to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstanding.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that albeit any persone, or persones, of what estate, condicō, or degree, he or they be, shal hereafter fortune to be attainted, conuicted, or outlawed of anye treason, petit treason, misprision of treason, murder, or Felonye whatsoeuer, yet that notwithstanding, euery woma, that is, or shall fortune to bee wife of the persone so attainted, conuicted, or outlawed, shal be endowable and enable to demaunde, haue, and enioye her dower, in like maner and fourme, as though her husband had not been attainted, conuicted, or outlawed: any statute, lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrarye in any wise notwithstanding. Sauing to all and euery other persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, theire heires and successors, and to euery of them, other then to such offendour or offendours, as shalbe attainted, conuicted, or outlawed, all such right, title, interest, entree, leases, possession, condition, profit, commoditie, and hereditamentes, as they or any of them had, or should, or of right ought to haue, before, or at the time of the sayd attainder, conuiction, or outlagarie.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that one acte made at the Parlament holden at Westminster, vpon diuers prorogations, the iiii. day of February, in the xxvii. yere of the sayd late kynge Henry the eighte, and there continued and kept, vntill the xviii. daye of Aprill then next ensuing, concerning and touching the felonious taking awaye by anye seruaunt, the goodes or cattalles, of the maister or maistresse, and all Articles and Sentences conteyned in the same acte, shall

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ſtande, be, and remaine in full ſtrength, force, and effecte, in ſuche maner and fourme, as it did before the makyng of thys preſente act, the expreſſe, or reuocation of the acte aboueſayde, or the ſame any thyng herewithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctorite aboueſaide, that no perſone or perſones ſhal in any wyſe be impeched, or put to anſwere for any of thoffences aboueſaid, excepte treaſons, by open preachyng, or wordes onely, vnleſſe the partie offender or offenders bee thereof accuſed within xxx. dayes next after the ſame open vttering, or wordes ſo ſpoken or declared, if the accuſours ſhal not in the meane ſeaſon be out of this realme, during the ſayde ſpace of xxx. dayes: next after the ſayde offeace committed or done. And if the accuſers ſhal happen to be out of this realme, during the ſaid ſpace of xxx. dayes: then the partie or parties ſo offendyng, ſhalbe accuſed, as is aforeſayde, within fiue monethes next after the ſame preachyng, or wordes ſpoken or declared: or elſe the partie or parties ſo offendyng, their aiders, comforters, abbettours, and counſaylours, or anye of them not to be empeached, or put to anſwere for any ſuche offence, or offences, by the ſame accuſation, or accuſations ſo to be had, made, & declared, ſhalbe made to one of the kynges counſaile, or to one of the kynges Iuſtices of Aſſiſe, or elſe to one of the kynges Iuſtices of peace beyng of the Quorum, or to two Iuſtices of the peace, within the Realme, where the ſame offence or offences ſhal happen to be doen or committed: any thyng conteyned in thys act to the contrary therof in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, & bee it declared and enacted by the auctorite aboueſayde, that concelement, or keping ſecrete anye high treaſon, ſhalbe from henceforth adiudged, demed, & taken, miſpriſion of treaſon, & the offendor therein ſhall forfaite and ſuffre, as in caſes of miſpriſion of treaſon, as heretofore hath been vſed: any thyng about mencioned to the contrarye notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo, & be it declared & enacted by the auctorite aboueſaid, that thys acte or any thing therein conteyned, ſhall not extende to charge, or make any perſone or perſones to bee offendor or offendors, in any of the articles aboueſaid, for calling, naming, ſaying, writting, or printinge the Frenche kyng, for the tyme beyng, by the name of the kyng of Fraūce or Frenche kyng, any thyng about declared and enacted, to the contrary in anye wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the auctorite aforeſayd, that no perſone or perſones, after the firſte daye of Februarye next comming, ſhalbe indicted, arreigned, condemned, or conuicted, for anye offence of treaſon, petit treaſon, miſpriſion of treaſon, or for anye woordes before ſpecified, to bee ſpoken after the ſayde firſte daye of Februarye, for whiche the ſame offendoure, ſpeaker, offendours, or ſpeakers, ſhall in anye wiſe ſuffre anye peynes of deathe, empriſonment, loſſe, or forfeitures of his goodes, catalles, landes or tenementes: vnleſſe the ſame offendor, ſpeaker, offendours, or ſpeakers bee accuſed by two ſufficient and lawfull wit-

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nesse, as shall willingly without violence confesse the same.

¶ An act for a Subsidie of tonnage & poundage of merchaundise, with a proviso for the confirmation of the Priuileges of the merchauntes of the Stylliard, which proviso shall indure but onely to thende of thys Parlament.

¶ The xiii. Chapiter.

IN their most humble wise shewen vnto your most excellent Maiestie, your poore cõmons in thys your present parlament assembled, that wher aswel your most dearest father of famous memorie kyng Henry ỳ viii. as also your most worthy graundfather kyng Herỳ ỳ vii. & other your noble ỳgenitours kings of this your realme of Englãd, time out of minde, haue had, graunted vnto them, & enioyed of the cõmons of the same realme, for the tyme being, by auctorytie of parlamẽt, for the defence of the same nowe youre realme, & the keping & safegarde of the seas for thẽtercourse of merchãdise, safely to come into the same youre Realme, & to passe out of ỳ same, certain sommes of money, named subsidies, of all maner of goodddes and merchaũdises, cõming in, or going out of the same your realme: & forasmuch as we your said poore cõmõs haue perfued your Maiesties good fauour & will towards vs your said poore cõmons, had aswel in the defence of vs, & this your realme, against your rebels the Scottes, as also the keping & sure defending of the Seas, against all persons intending the disturbance & inuasion of thys your realme, & vs your said cõmõs to our great cõfort & reioising, as cause requireth, & to your maiestie great costes, charges, & expences, & also not doubting the sequele of the same if nede shall require: We therfore your said poore cõmons, as bounden of duetie, humbly desire your excellẽt Maiestie benignely & fauourably to take, accept, & receiue these our poore gratits hereafter ensuing, as graũted of true hartes & good willes, which we beare to your hyghenes, towardes your said great costes, charges & expences, aswel heretofore expended & laid out, as hereafter by your Maiestie for the causes aforesaid, whỹ nede shal require, to be expẽded & laid out, as the first fruits of our good willes & hartes toward your highnesse, although the same doe, or hereafter shal nothing in effect counteruaile your saide costes, charges, & expẽces, which we be not able fully to gratifie by any meanes. First, we your poore cõmons, by the aduise & assent of the Lords spirituall & tẽporall, in thys youre present Parlament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to thintent aforesaid, geue and graunt to you our said Soueraigne Lord, one subsidie called tonnage, that is to saye, of euery tõne of wine comming, or that shal, or is come into thys your realme, by way of merchãdise, the summe of iii. s. & to after the rate: & of euery tonne of Gwette wine, aswel malmesey as other that shall, or is come into the same youre realme, by euery or any merchant alien, aswel by the merchaũtes of

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Hanse and Almayne, as by any other merchant straunger, of what nacion soeuer he bee iii.s. and so after the rate, ouer & aboue the iii.s. afore graunted. And of euery awbes of Renishe wine comming, or that shal, or is come into thys your realme, by way of merchaundise, by euery, or any merchaunt, denizen, or alien, of what nation soeuer he be xii.d. And also one other subsidie, called pondage, that is to saye, of all maner of goodes and merchaundises, of euerye Marchaunt, Denizen and alien whatsoeuer he be, caried, & to be caried, out of this your said realme, or brought or to be brought into the same by waye of merchandises of the value of euery xx.s. of the same goodes and merchaundises xii.d. and so after the rate. And of xx.s. value of Tinne and Pewter beside caried oute of thys your realme by any and euery merchaut alien xii.d. ouer and aboue the xii.d. aforesaid. Except alwayes and forprised out of thys graunt of subsidie of poundage, all maner of woollen cloth made and wrought, or that shalbe made and wrought within thys realme of England, as by euerye, or anye merchaunte denizen and not borne alien, caried or to bee caried out of thys your saide realme, and all maner of wolle, wolle felles, & hides, and backes of Lether also caried, or to be caried out of thys your realme, and all wines, and all maner of freshe fishe and bestial, comming, or that is, or shal come into the same your realme.

And further, we your sayde poore commons by the aduise, assent, and auctoritie aforesayd, geue and graunt vnto you our said Soueraigne Lorde, for the causes aboue rehearsed, one other Subsidie of all maner of wolle, wolle felles, & lether caried, or to be caried out of this your realme, in maner and fourme following, that is to say of euery merchant denizen of, & for euery sacke of woll xxxiii.s.iiii.d. And of euery cc.xl. wolfelles. xxxiii.s.iiii.d. And of, and for euerye laste of hydes and backes, of euery suche merchaunt denizen iii.li.vi.s.viii.d. And also of euerye merchaunt straunger not borne your liege man, as well those that bee made denizens, as hereafter shalbe made by letters patentes or otherwise, as all other merchaunt straungers, of, and for euery sacke of wolle. iii.li.vi. s.viii.d. And, of, & for euerye cc.li. wollefelles. iii.li.vi.s.viii.d. And also of euery last of hydes and backes xii.li.xiii.s.iiii.d. And so of all the said wolles, wollefelles, hydes & backes, & euery of them, after the rate that so is, or shalbe caried, to haue, take, enioye, and perceaue the subsidies aforesaide, & euery of the, & euery part or parcel of them to your hyghnes from the first daye of your most noble reigne, during your lyfe natural.

And further, we your sayde poore commons most humbly desire your Highnesse, that it may be enacted by your highnesse, by the aduise & assent of the Lordes aforesayde, and the your sayde commons, and by the foresayde auctorities of thys present Parliament assembled, that the gifte & graunte aforesayde, shalbee good and effectual, accordinge to the true meaning of the same. And that it may be further enacted by the auctorities aforesayde, & of any wines, goodes, merchaundises, wolles, wolle-

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felles, hydes, & backes of leather aforesaide, or other thynges aforesperified whereof the subsidies aforesaid, or any of them, is or shalbe hereafter due, shall at any time hereafter, during the time aforesaid, be shipped or put into any boate, craier, ship or bellel, to that intent to be caried into the partes of beyond the sea, or els be brought from the partes of beyond the sea, into any port, hauē, creke, or other place of this your realme by way of marchandise and there laide on lande, the Subsidye aforesaid of the same (due or to be due by reason of this graūt) not paied, or the collectour of the same Subsidy not agreed with for the same according to the true meanyng and intent of these aforesaid graūtes, and euery of them: that then from the first day of March next comyng and not before, all the said wines, goods, merchandises, woolles, woolfelles, hides and backes, and other thyngs aforesaide, and euerye parte and parcel therof so shipped or els put into any boate, craier, or other vessel aforesaide, to thintent aforesaid, or brought into this realme and there laid on land, as is also aforesaid, shal remaine forfait to your highnes, during the time aforesaid: the one moity therof, or the value therof to your highnesse, and the other moyty to him or them that shall seaise the same or sue for the same. And that it may please your highnes that al marchaunts aswell Denizons as straungers, coming into thys your realme, be well & honestly intreated & demeaned, as they were in the time of your aforesaid noble progenitors wythout oppression to thē to be doue, paying the Subsidies aboue said.

And further, that it be enacted by the authorite aforesaid, that if any goods, merchandises, woolles, woollefelles or leather aforesaid, or any part therof of any merchaunt Denizon, naturally borne your liege man, which shall passe out of this your said realme, after the said first day of March, during the terme of this gifte and graunt, shal happen to be taken with enemies or pyrates vppon the sea, or perished by misfortune in any ship or ships, that shal happen to be taken or perished within the time of the said graunt, wherof the Subsidies aforesaid or anye of thē to your highnes due or to be due, is, or shal be in forme aforesaid duely payed or agreed for without fraude or collusion, and such losse or losses as ben before rehearsed, be found and proued before the Treasorer of England, or the chiefe Baron of our Eschequer for the time being, by the examination of the same merchaunts if they be on liue, or of theire executours or administratours, if they be dead, or two true credible persons sworne, or other reasonable witnes & proues sworne, wytnessinge the same merchandises so to be lost or perished: that then the same merchaunts Denizons that were or shalbe owners of the aforesayd goods merchaunts, woolle, woollefelles, hydes or other merchaundises aforesaid, as shall be so perished or lost, if they be on liue, or their executours and admynystratours, if they bee dead, and euerye of them, by force and vertue of this acte when them liketh, duringe the said terme, shall

mone ship aſmuche wolle, woll felles, hides or other marchaūdiſe in ſame porte or portes, in whiche the ſame woll, woll felles, hides, or other goodes and marchaundiſes aforeſayd, ſo loſt & perished, were or ſhall be ſhipped without any of the ſubſidies aforeſayd now graūted, to be had or paied therfore to you in any wiſe, and that al ſuch proffites of the premiſſes ſo to be loſt or perished, be certified into your Chaūcery, by your ſayd treaſurer or chief Baron, there to remaine of record, and after ſuch certificat made the Chaūncelor of England, or the Lord keper of your great ſeale, for the time being, do make and deliuer vnto the ſaid merchaūntes, their executors or adminiſtrators, or any of them, or to their attorney or to their attorneis in that behaiſe, or any of them, as many and ſuche writtes and warranties to be directed as well to the collectours of the ſubſidies aforeſaid, or any, or euery of them for the time being, as to the treaſorer & barons of your Eſchequer for the timbering as ſhalbe requiſite and nedeful for the ſaid merchaūtis, their executors or adminiſtratours or their attorney or attorneys, or any of thē, or the ſaide collectors or any of them, to haue for the obtayning, aſwel of the ſhipping, as of allowance therof: And ferther that euery merchaūte denizen that ſhal ſhip hereafter any woll, woll felles, hides, or anye other goodes & marchaundiſes in any carriche or galley, ſhall paye to your Maieſtie during the time aforeſaide, all maner of cuſtomes and al the ſubſidies aforeſaide, as any alien borne out of this your realme.

Prouided alwaies, that no acte, ſtatute, or ordinaunce had, made or to be made in this preſent Parliament, be in any wiſe hurtfull or preiudicial vnto the merchaunts of the Hanſe in Almaine, hauing the houſe in the citie of London, comonly called Guilhalda Theutonicorum, nor to any fraunchiſes, liberties or priuileges to them or their predeceſſors before this time had, agreed, graunted or confirmed, nor to any lawful vſages by them or by their predeceſſors before this time vſed, but that the ſaide merchauntes and their ſucceſſors haue, holde, and enioye, all their ſaide fraunchiſes, libertyes, and free vſages, according to ſuche grauntes, confirmacions and agremēntes, as by the kynge and his noble progenitors kinges of Englande haue beene agreed, made & graūted and had to the ſaid merchaunts or theire predeceſſours, and according to their lawfull vſages in euery thing, by whatſoeuer other name or names, the ſame merchaūtis, or any of them be called, or named: any acte, ſtatute, or ordinaunce made or to be made in this preſent Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding: This preſent prouiſo to endure and continue vnto the ende of this preſent parliament.

¶ The xviii. Chapiter.

¶ In acte whereby certaine Chaunteries, Colleges, free chappelles, and the poſſeſſions of the ſame, be geuen to the kynges Maieſtie.

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The kinges moſt louing ſubiectes, the lordes ſpiritual & temporal, & the cõmons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, conſidering yͭ a great part of ſuperſticiõ & errours in Chriſtian religion, hath ben brought into yͤ mindes & eſtimacõ of men, by reaſon of yͤ ignorance of theſe dayes true & perfit ſaluacõ, through yͤ death of Jeſus Chriſt, & by deuiſing & phãtaſying vain opinions of purgatorie, & maſſes ſatisfactorie, to be done for them, which be departed: The which doctrine & vain opiniõ, by nothyng more to maynteined and vpholden then by the abuſe of Tẽtayles, Chauntries, and other prouiſions made for the cõtinuaunce of the ſaide blindneſſe and ignoraunce. And ferther conſidering and vnderſtanding that the alteracion, chaunge, & amendement of the ſame, & conuerting to good and godly vſes, as in erecting Gramer Scholes to the educacion of youth in vertue and godlines, the further augmenting of the Vniuerſities, & better prouiſion for the poore and needie, cannot in this preſente Parliamente be prouided, and conueniently done, nor cannot, ne ought to anye other maner perſone be committed, then to the kinges highneſſe, whoſe Maieſtie, with, and by the aduiſe of his highnes moſt prudente Counſaile, can & will moſt wiſely, and beneficially bothe for the honour of God, and the weale of his Maieſties Realme, order, alter, conuerte, and diſpoſe the ſame. And calling further to their remembraunce that in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the xxvii yeare of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde kynge Henrye the eight, father to our moſte dreade and natural Soueraigne Lorde the kynge, that now is it was ordeined, enacted, and eſtabliſhed emongſt other thynges, that all & ſingulers Colleges, free Chappelles, Chauntries, Hoſpitalles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other promocions, mencioned in the ſaide former act, had, or made to haue continuance in perpetuitie for euer, and then being, or that hadde, or ought to bee contributorie or chargeable to the payment of the firſt fruites and tenthes, accordynge to the lawes and ſtatutes in that behalfe haddē, and made by what name, ſurname, degree, or cõpoſicõ, they, or any of thē were founded ordeined, eſtabliſhed, erected, named, called, or knowen: and all and ſingulers the manſion houſes, manours, orchardes, gardens, landes, tenementes, paſtures, woods, waters, rentes, reuercions, ſeruices, cõmons, fyſhyng, priſeliges, porcions, churches, chappelles, aduowſons, nompnacions, patronages, annuities, rightes, intereſſes, entrees, condicõs leetes, courtes, libertes, priuileges, fraunchyſes, & other hereditamẽts whatſoeuer, then apperteynyng, or belongyng, or yͭ did appertain, or belong, or were aſſigned, or appointed to anye ſuche colledge, free chapel chauntrye, hoſpital, fraternitie, brotherhed, guilde, ſtipendiarie preeſte or other the ſaide promocions, or to any of thē, or parcell, or member of thē, or of any of them: & to the ſaid

Colleges, chauntryes, free chappelles, hospytalles, fraternytyes, brotherhed, guylde, stipendarie pryestes, or other promocions, or to any of thē vnited, or annexed: which betweene the .viii. day of February, in the xvbii. yere of the saide late kinges reigne, & the .xvb. day of December in the .xxvii. of his graces reigne, by reason of any entree, expulsion, bargaine, sale, feoffement, fine, recouerie, leasse, or other conueighance therof made, were dissolued, determined, or relinquished by any of ỳ wates nat ones, or conueighaunces, mencioned in the saide acte, or otherwyse other then such of them, as then were in the possession of the saide late king, or that were graunted, or assured by his licence, agrement, cōsent & letters patents, to any person or persons, or then had ben lawfully obteined, or recouered by any person, by any former right, or title, without fraude or couin, or by the kynges licence, that frō thencefoorth by authoritie of the same former acte, be adiudged & demed, & also bee in the very actual and real possession & seison of the saide late king, and of his heires and successours for euer: in as large & ample maner, as the saide pryestes, wardens, maisters, ministers, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbents, or any of them, or the patrons, donours, or foundours of any of them at any time sithens the said fowerth day of February in the xvbii. yere aforesayd, had, occupied, or enioyed, or they had, occupied, or enioyed the same, as though all and singuler the said colleges, chauntrys, hospitalles, free chappelles, fraternities, brotherheddes, guildes and other the saide promocions, and the saide manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses, whatsoeuer they be, & euery of them, had ben in the said former acte, specially, particularly, & certaynly rehearsed, named, & expressed by expresse wordes, names, surnames, corporacions, titles, and faculties, and in their natural kinds and qualities: the saide entrees, expulsions, bargaines, sales, fynes, feoffements, recoueries, or other assurance, and conueyghaunce whatsoeuer they were, had, or made (except before in the former act excepted) to the contrary notwithstanding. And where also it was enacted and graunted by the saide late king, by the saide former acte, that the same late king during his natural lyfe, might make and direct his commissiō and commissions vnder his great seale, to entre into al & singuler suche and as many chauntryes, free chappelles, hospytalles, colleges, and other the promotions mencioned in the saide former acte, & into al and singuler suche manours, mansions, houses, messes, landes, tenements, pastures, woodes, waters, rentes, reuersions, seruices, possessions, & other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, or into any parte, or parcell therof in the name, season, and possession of all the hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belonging, or appertayning to any chauntry, hospital, free chappel, college, fraternytie, brotherhed, guilde, or other the saide promocions, or whereof any pryestes, maysters, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbentes, of them, or any of them, by what name, surname, degree,

title,or corporacion,they,and euery of them,or anye of them were foũ-
ded,erected,ordeined,established,named,called,or knowē,then had or
enioyed,or that hereafter should haue,or enioye to the said chauntries
hospitalles,free chappelles,colledges,fraternityes,brotherheds,guil-
des,or other the saide promocions that then were chargeable to ẏ pay-
ment of the first fruites,and tenthes: & all colleges that were charge-
ble,or not chargeable to the said payment of the first fruites & tenthes
as is aforesaide,or to any of them, as should be named, expressed & ap-
pointed in the sayde commission or commissions: and to seise and take
the same chauntries,hospitalles,colleges,free chappelles,fraternities,
brotherheddes,guildes,and other the saide promocions, manors,lads
tenementes,and other the premisses mencioned in the saide commissyon
or commissyons,and in euery of them,and euerye parte,parcell,and
member of the same into the kinges possession and handes,to haue and
to holde the same to the saide late king, and to hys heires & successors,
for euer,as by the saide former act emongst other things more at large
appeareth: it is now ordeyned and enacted by the king our soueraigne
Lorde with the assent of the lordes and commons in this present Par-
liament assembled,and by the auctoritie of the same,that al maner of
colleges,free chappelles,and chauntries,hauing,being,or in esse,with-
fiue yeares nexte before the firste daye of this presente Parlyamente,
which were not in actual and reall possessyon of the saide late king,nor
in the actual and real possession of the kyng our soueraygne lorde that
now is,nor excepted in the said former acte in fourme aboueraid,other
then suche as by the kinges commissyons in fourme hereafter mēcioned
shalbe altered, transposed,or chaunged,and all manours, landes,tene-
mentes,rentes,tithes, pencions,porcions, and other hereditamentes,
and thinges aboue mencioned,belonging to them or any of them: and
also al Manours,landes,tenementes,rentes,and other hereditamēts
and thinges aboue menceyoned by any maner of assuraunce,conueygh-
ance,wil, deuise,or otherwise,had,made,suffered,knoweleged,or de-
clared,geuen,assigned,limytted, or appoynted to the findinge of anye
Priest,to haue continuaunce for euer,and wherewith,or whereby any
priest was susteined,mainteined,or founde within fiue peres nexte be-
fore the first day of this present parliament,whiche were not in the ac-
tual and real possession of the saide late kyng,nor in the actual and real
possession of our soueraigne lorde the king that now is: and also,al an-
nual rents,profites,and emolumentes at any time within fiue yeares
next before the begynning of this present Parliament,employed,paied
or bestowed,toward,or for ẏ maintenaunce,supportacion,or finding of
any stipendarie priestes,intending by any acte,or wryting to haue cōti-
nuaunce for euer,shall by the auctoritie of this presente Parliament,
immediatlye after the feast of Easter next comming,be adiudged & de-
med,and also be in the very actual and real possession and season of the

king our soueraigne lord, & his heires, and successors for euer, without anye office or other inquisicion thereof to bee had or founde, and in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the priestes, wardens, masters ministers, gouerneurs, rulers, or other incumbentes of them, or any of them, at any time within fiue yeres next before the beginninge of this present Parliament, had, occupied or enioyed, or now hath, occupyeth, or enioyeth the same, and as though all and singuler the said Colleges free chappelles, chauntries, stipendes, salaries of priestes, and the saide manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer they be, & euery of them, were in this present acte specially, particularly, and certeinlye rehearsed, named, and expressed by their proper wordes, names, surnames, corporacions, titles, and faculties, & in their natures, kindes, and qualities.

And ouer that be it ordeined and enacted by the authoritye of this present parliament, that where anye mannours, landes, tenementes, tithes, pencions, portions, rentes, profites, or other hereditaments, by any maner of assurannce, conueighannce, will, deuise, or other wise at any time heretofore had, made, suffred, knowledged, or declared, were geuen, assigned, or appointed, to, or for, the maintenaunce, sustentacion, or finding of one priest, or of diuers prestes for terme of certain yeres yet continuing, and that any parte hath been maintained, susteyned, or found with the same, or with the reuennes, or profites thereof wythin fiue yeres last past, that the king from the saide feast of Easter next coming, shall haue and enioy in euery behalfe, for, and during al such time to come, euery suche, and like thinges, tenementes, heredytamentes, profites, and emoluementes, as the priest, or prieste ought, or should haue had, for, or toward his, or their maintenaūce, sustenaunce, or fynding, & for no lenger, or further time, nor for any other profit, auaūtage or commoditie therof to be taken.

Prouyded alwaies, and it is ordeined & enacted by the authoritye of this present parliament, that when & assone as the time assigned, for the maintenaunce, sustentacion, or finding of the prieste, or prieste shall be expired and runne: that then it shalbe lawfull to euery person & persones, to whome any Mannours, landes, tenementes, tithes, porcions, pēcions, rents, and other hereditamētes, or any of them should haue belonged, or appertained, if the saide former Act and this Acte had neuer bene had, or made, to enter into, take, perceiue, haue and enioy the same without any maner of liuerī, ouster le maine, petition, or other suit to be made to the Kinge, in like maner, fourme, and condition, to all entents constructions, and purposes, as though the saide former Acte and this Acte had neuer bene had, or made, and as though the Kinge had neuer had any seasō or possession therof. Any thing in the sayde former Acte or in this Acte, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it ordeined and enacted by thauthoritie of this present parlament,

liament that the king our soueraigne lorde, his heires, and successours from the saide feast of Easter next comming, shall haue hold, perceiue, & enioy for euer al landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditaments which by any maner of assurance, conueighaunce, willes, will, deuise, or otherwise at any time heretofore had, made, suffred, knowlcged, or declared, were geuen, assigned, or appoynted to goe, or bee employed wholly to the fynding, or maintenaunce of any anniuersarye, or obite or other like thing, entente, or purpose, or of any lighte, or lampe, in any churche or chappell, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche hath beene kepte, or maintcined within fiue yeres nexte before the said first day of this present parliament.

And also that where but parte of the issues, or reuenues of any Manours, landes, tenements, rentes, or other hereditamentes hath by any of the waies, or meanes abouesaide bee geuen, assygned, or appoynted to be bestowed, or employed to the finding or maintenaunce of any anniuersarye, or obite or other like thinge, intente, or purpose, or of anye light, or lampe in any thurche or chappel; and to haue continuaunce for euer: that then our soueraigne lord the king shall from the sayde feaste of Easter next comming for euer haue, perceiue, and enioy euerye such summes of money, that in any one yere within fiue yeres next before ỳ first day of this present parliament, hath been expended and bestowed about the finding, or mayntenance of any suche anniuersary, or obyte, or other like thinge, intente, or purpose of any lighte, or lampe, to hym, his heires, and successours for euer, as a rente charge to bee paied yerely at the feastes of Saincte Michaell the Archangell, and the Annunciacyon of our Lady Saincte Mary the Virgin, by euen portions in the kinges courte of the Augmentacions, and reuenues of his crowne, or in any other court, or courtes, as the king hereafter shall appoynt. And that it shalbe lawful to our saide Soueraigne lord the king, his heirs and successours for none payment of anye suche summe or summes of money, to distreine in the saide manours, landes, and tenementes of the issues and reuenues, whereof the saide anniuersarye, or obyte, or other like thing, or any such light or lãpe was founde, sustcined, or maintcyned. And that for lacke of sufficient distresse, in or vppon anye of the premisses, whereof any of the saide yerely rentes, or summes of money should be paied by the space of one moneth next after, that anye of the saide rentes should be paied, and be not paied within the sayd moneth that then it shalbe lawful to, & for our soueraigne Lorde the kinge, hys heires, and successours by vertue of this present acte, to enter into, and to haue, and possesse, as much of the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whereof the said rent, or rentes should be leuied, or paied, as the rent or rentes that should be leuied, or paied out of the same, dothe, or shall amount or come to in yerely value, and the same lands, tenements and hereditamentes to holde and kepe, and to haue our sayde Soue-

reigne lord the king, his heires and assignes for euer, or for suche estate as our soueraigne Lord the king, his heirs, or successors, had, or ought to haue had, of, or in the said rent, or rents.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliamente, that oure soueraigne lorde the kinge, shall from the saide feast of Easter next comming, haue, perceiue, and enioy al and singuler suche summes of moneye, profites, commodyties, and emolumentes, which by vertue of any maner of assurraunce, conueighaunce, cõposicyon, will, deuise, or otherwise, heretofore haue ben geuen, assigned, limitted, or appointed to haue continuance for euer, whiche in any one yeare within fiue yeres next before the beginning of this present parlyament haue bene paied, bestowed, or employed, by any maner of corporacions, guildes, fraternities, companies, or felowships of mysteryes, or crafts, or any of them, beinge in Englande, Wales, and other the kynges dominions, or by the masters, wardeines, gouernours, or other officers, or ministers, or by the master, warden, gouernor, or other officer, or minyster of them, or any of them, towarde, or about the finding, maintenaunce, or sustentacion of any prieste, or priestes, of anye annyuersary, or obit, lampe, lighte or lights, or other like thing, as is aforesaid, to our saide soueraigne Lorde the king, his heires, and successoures for euer: to be paied yerely, as a rent charge, at the feastes of Sainct Michaell the Archaungel, and the Annunciation of our Lady, by euen portions, in the kyngs court of Augmentacions, and reuenues of his crowne or in any other courte, or courts, as the kyng hereafter shall appoynt. And that it shalbe lawfull to oure saide soueraigne lord the king, his heires and successours for none payemente of anye suche summes, or summe of money, profite, commoditie, or emolumente, or for none payment of anye of them, to distreigne in al ỳ manors, lands, and tenements of euery suche craftes, corporacions, guildes, fraternityes, companyes, or felowshippes of misteryes or craftes, or any of them, by whom, or by the masters, wardens, gouernors, or other officers, or ministers, or master wardẽ, gouernour, or minister, of the whiche any suche sũmes, or sũme of money, profite, commoditie, or emolument, haue or hath been payed bestowed, or employed: And that all and euery of the saide summes of money, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, shal from the feast of Easter next comming, without any maner of inquisicion, or office to be had, or founde, be iudged and demed to be in the actual and real possession of our said Soueraigne Lord the king, in like maner & fourme, to all intentes, construction, & purposes, as if the same had ben particularly and specially mencioned in this present acte.

And furthermore be it ordeined & enacted by authoritie aforesayde that the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, shall from the saide feaste of Easter next comming, haue, and enioye to him, his heires, and successours for euer, all fraternities, brotherheddes, and guildes, being within the

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Realme of England, and Wales, and other the kings dominions: and al manoures, landes, tenementes, and other hereditaments, belonging to them, or any of them other then such corporations, guildes, fraternityes, companies, and felowshippes of misteries, or crafts, & the manors landes, tenementes, and other heredytamentes, perteining to the said corporations, guildes, fraternities, companies, and felowships of mysterpes, or craftes aboue mencyoned: and shall by vertue of this acte be iudged and demed, in actuall and real possession of our said soueraign Lorde the king his heires, and successours, from the said feast of Easter next comming for euer, without any inquisitions or office therof to be had or found.

And also be it ordeined and enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that our said soueraigne lorde the king, hys heires and successours, at his & their will and pleasure may direct his and theire commissions and cōmyssyon vnder the greate Seale of Englande to suche persones, as it shal please him. And that the same commissioners, or twoe of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, & of the said commissyon, as well to Surueye all and synguler laye corporacyons, guyldes, fraternityes, companyes, and felowshyppes of mysteries, or craftes incorporate, and vsurpe of them, as all other the saide fraternyties, brotherheddes, and guyldes wythin the symptres of theire commission, to them directed: And all the Euydences, compositions, bookes of accomptes, and other wryttinges of euery of thē, to the intente thereby to knowe, what money, and other thynges was payed, or bestowed to the fyndinge, or maintenaunce of anye prieste, or prestes anniuersarye, or obits, or other lyke thynge, lyght, or lāpe, by them, or anye of them: as also to inquier, searche, and trie by al suche wayes and meanes, as to them shall be thoughte meete and conuenient, what manoures, landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes, profytes, commodytes, emolumentes, and other thynges be geeuen, vnited, or appointed to our saide soueraigne lorde the kyng by thys acte wythin the symptres of theire commyssyon. And also that the same commyssioners or two of them at the least, by vertue of thys acte, and of the commissyon to them directed, shal haue full power and auctoritie to assigne, and shall appointe in euerye suche place wheare guylde, fraternitye the prieste, or incumbent of any Chauntrye in esse, the first daye of thys presente Parliamente by the foundacyon ordynaunce, the verie institucion therof ought or ought to haue kepte a Grammer Scholer, or a preacher, and to haue bookes within the feaste of Saynt Michael the Archaungell next folowyng, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes of euerye suche Chauntrye, guylde, and fraternitye to remaine, and continue in perpetuytie for a Scholer Mayster, or preacher for euer, for, and towardes the keepynge of a Grammer Scholer, or Preachinge, and for suche Godlye ententes, and purposes,

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and in such maner and fourme, as the same Commissioners, or twoe of them at the least shal assigne, or appointe: And also to make and ordein a Vicare to haue perpetuitie for euer, in euerye parysshe churche the first day of this present Parliament, beinge a college, free chappel, or chauntrie, or appropried, annexed, or united to anye colledge, free chappel, or chauntrie, that shall come to the kynges handes by vertue of this acte, and to endowe euery suche Vicare sufficientlye, hauing respect to his cure and charge, the same endowement to be to euery suche Vicar, and to his successours for euer, without any other licence, or graunte of the kynge, the Bisshoppe, or other Officers of the Diocese. And also the saide commissioners, or two of them at the least, shall haue authoritye by force of this acte, to assigne in euerye greate Towne, or Parishe, where they shal thinke necessarye to haue moe Priests then one for the ministring of the Sacramentes, within the same Towne, or parysshe, Landes, and tenementes belonginge to any chauntrye, chappelle, or stipendary Priest being within the same towne, or parishe the first day of this present Parliament, to bee to suche persone and persones, as the saide commissioners, or twoe of them at the leaste, shall assygne, or appoint to continue in succession for euer, for, and towardes the sustynent finding, and maintenance of one, or moe Priestes wythin the same towne or parysshe, as by the saide commissioners, or twoe of them shall bee thought necessarie, or conuenient. And aswel to make ordinaunces and rules, concerning the seruice, vse, and demeanour of euerye suche Priest and Scholemasters, as is aforesaid, to be appointed, as also by what name, or names, he and they shall from henceforth be named and called. And also that the saide commissioners, or twoe of them at the least, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this act, and of the saide commission to them directed to assigne aswel to euery Deane, Maister, warden, provost, and other Incumbente, and minister of any of the saide colledges, free chappelles, or chauntryes, beynge wythin the limittes of theire commission, whiche hereafter shal be dissolued, or determined by vertue of this acte as to euerye Stypendarye Priest, and other Priest, whose Salary the king shalbe intituled vnto by this acte, as to euery fellow and poore persone, hauing yearely reliefe out of any of the saide colleges, free chappelles, or chauntryes beinge within the limittes of theire commission, suche seuerall yerely annuities, pencyons, or other recompenses, during their seuerall liues, as to the same commissioners, or two of them shall bee thoughte meete and conuenyente. And ouer that the saide commissioners, or twoe of them at the least, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the commission to them directed, to inquire, and trye by suche waies and meanes as they shall thinke meete and conuenient, what moneye, profyte and benefyte any poore persone, or persones by vertue of anye conueighance, assignmente, composition, will deuise, or otherwise, heretofore

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had or made, intended or meant to haue continuance for euer, had, or enioyed, wythin fiue yeres, next before the beginning of thys presente parliament out of any college, free chappelle, or chauntry, & other ỹ premisses geuen, limitted, or appointed to the king by this act, being within the limittes of their commission. And therupon to make assignemẽts and orders in suche maner and fourme, as al and synguler suche sayde money, profite and commoditie shal bee paied to poore people for euer: Accordyng to suche saide assurance, composicion, wyl, deuise, or other thyng had, or made, for the same, and to assigne and appoint, lands, tenementes, or other hereditaments, parcel of the premisses for the maintenaunce and continuaunce of the same for euer, and also to appoint to fraternitees, brotherheddes, and guildes, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes parcell of the premisses towardes and for the maynteñce of piers, iutties, walles, or bankes, against the rages of the sea, hauens and creekes. And that all and singuler annuitees, pencions, and other recompences, shalbe haile yerely payed to ỹ persons, to whom the same ought to be payed by the kynges Maiestie for the time being, of hys landes commonly called the suppressed landes, or other his reuennes, lying in the countie or citye, where such colledge, free chappel, or chaultry or other the premisses geuen, limitted or appointed to the king, by thys act, the first day of this present parliament, were or remained without any fee, or rewarde therfore to be paied: The first payment to begin at the feaste of saint Michaell the Archaungell nexte comming. And that euery suche receiuour, vpon his accompt, shall haue full and due allowaunce of all suche annuities, pencions, & other recompences by him paied, by vertue of any such assignement to be made, by the said commissioners or two of them at the least.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the authority of this present parliament, that the said commissioners, and euery of them, that shall take vpon him ỹ execucio of any of the said commissions, shalbe bound, as he wil answer before God, to execute the cõmissiõ, to him & other directed beneficially towards the deanes, maisters, wardens, prouosts, & other incumbents, and ministers aforesaide, and towardes the poore people, concerning the said assygnements, and also toward the maintenance of piers, iutties, walles, or bankes, againste the rages of the sea, hauens & creekes: And that al maner of assignements & ordinaunces to be made by the said commissioners, or two of thẽ at the least and certified vnder their seales or the seales of two of thẽ at the least, into ỹ kinges courte of the augmentacyons & reuennes of his crowne, or to any other court or courtes, by the kinges maiesty to be made or assigned, shal by vertue of this acte, and of the saide commissioners, bee as good and effectuall in the law to al intẽts, cõstructions and purposes, as thoughe the same had ben assigned and ordeined by authoritie of this present parliamẽt by expresse and apte wordes, termes, and sentences.

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Prouided also, that such annuities, pencions, or other recompences, that the saide commissioners, or any of them, shall assigne or appoynt to be paide yerely to any such deane, master, warden, gouernour: or other incumbent, felow, or minister, shall not extend to any more clere yerely value, then suche deane, master, warden, provost, gouernor or other incumbent, felow, or minister, or his predecessor lawfully had, or enioyed in money, meate, drinke, liuerie, or allowaunce of the same yerely, within fiue yeres next before the beginning of this present parliament.

Prouided also, that if any of the said maisters, wardens, provosts, gouernors, or other incumbents, felow, or ministers, shal at any time hereafter, during his life, be promoted by the king to any benefice, or other spiritual promocion, being of a better clere yerely value then hys layde annuitie or pencion, or other recompence shalbe of: that then thannuitie, pencio, or other recompence, that any such deane, master, warden, gouernor, provost, or other incibent, felow, minister, so shalbe promoted shal haue, shal imediatly after such promocio had, cease, & vtterly determine.

And be it ordeined & enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that the said commissioners, or two of them at the least, to whom any comission by vertue or meane of this act, shalbe directed & delyuered shalbe bounden vpon the forfaiture, of euery of them of a hundreth pound, to make certificat vnder their seales, or the seales of two of them at the least into the saide court of the augmentacions, and reuenues of ye kings crowne, or into any other court, as is aforesaid, whirone peare next after the commission to them directed, of al maneres, landes, tenements, rents, tithes, portions, pencions, heredytaments, & recompences by the same commissioners or two of them, assigned or appointed to any of the vses, intents, or purposes aboue mencioned.

And also be it ordeined & enacted, by thauctority of this present parliament, that our souereigne lorde the king shall haue & enioy all suche goods, cattels, iuels, plate, ornaments, & other moueables, as were or be the common goods of euery such college, chauntrye, freechappell, or stipendarie prist, belonginge or annexed to the furniture or seruices of their seueral foundacions, or abused of any of the saide corporacions, in the abuses aforesaid, ye propertie wherof was not altered nor chaniged before the .viii. day of December in ye yere of our lorde god M. D. xlviii.

And it is also ordeined & enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that al suche debtes and summes of money, as ought, or shoulde without fraude or couin hereafter be paied of the moneye or goods of any of ye said colleges, due, or paiable, by reason of any contract, specialty or promise, had or made, before the same .viii. day, shal truely & fully be paied by ye treasorer of the kings court of thaugmentacios & reuenues of his crown, or by the treasorer or receiuer of any other court, to which any of the premisses shalbe appointed of the kinges tresure, beinge in his or their handes, with as conuenient spede, as the same may be paid

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Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctho-ritie aforesaid, that this acte, or any article, clause, or matter contey-ned in the same, shal not in any wise extẽde to any College, Hostell, or Halle, being within eyther of the vniuersities of Cambrige and Oxford, nor to any Chauntrie founded in any of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Halles, beinge in the same Vniuersities, nor to the free chappell of Sainct George, the Martire, situate in the Castle of Windesore, nor to the College, called Sainct Mary College of Winchester, besides Winchester, of the foundation of Bishoppe Wikham, nor to the College of Eton, nor to the parish churche, commonly called the Chapel in the fenn in Newton, within the Isle of Ely, in the countie of Cambrige, nor to anye Manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, to them, or to anye of them pertaining, or belonging, nor to anye Chappel made or ordeined, for the ease of the people, dwelling distaunt from the parish churche, or suche like chappel, whereunto no more landes or tenementes, then the churchyarde, or a litie house or esyle, doth belong or pertein, nor to any cathedral church or College, where a Bishoppes sea is within thys realme of Englande, or in Wales, nor to the Manoures, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes of any of them, other then to such Chauntries, Obites, Lightes and Lampes, or any of them, as at any tyme within fiue yeres next before the begynning of thys present parlament, haue been hadde, vsed, or maintened, within the saide cathedrall churches, or within any of them, or the issues, reuenues, or profites of any of the said cathedral Churchs, to whiche Chauntries, Obites, lightes and lampes, it is enacted by the auctho-ritie aforesaide, that thys acte shall extende.

And it is ordeyned & enacted by the auctho-ritie aforesayde, that oure soueraigne lord the kyng at any tyme, during hys lyfe (whiche God lõg preserue, maye at hys will and pleasure, alter and chaunge the name or names, of all and singular Chauntries, and the Foundations of the same, being in any of the Colleges, Hostelles, or halles, of any of the sayde Vniuersities, according as to hys godly, wisedome shalbe thought mete and conuenient.

Sauing to all and euery persone and persons, bodies politike and corporate, theire heires and successours, and the heires and successoures of euerye of them, other then the Maisters, wardens, Ministers, Gouernoures, Rulers, Priestes, Incumbenters, Feiowes, and brethren of the saide Colleges, Chauntries, freechappels, and other the premisses, geuẽ limitted, or appointed to the kyng by thys acte: & the successours of thẽ, and euery of them, and other then such as bee, or pretende to bee, foundoures, patrones, or donours of the premisses, or any of them, or of anye part or parrell therof, and the heires, successours and assignes of euery, or any of them: and other then such as bee, or were feoffees, recoueries, comises, grauntees, or deuisees of any of the premisses, to, or for any of ꝑ vses, purposes, or ententes aboue mentioned, or to the vse of anye of the

sayd Colleges, Free chappels, chauntries, or other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed by this act to the kyng, or to the vse to employe the rentes or profites thereof, to the vse of Maisters, Rulers, Incumbentes, or Ministers of them, or any of them: and other then suche persone and persones, and bodies politike and corporate, theire heires, successours, and assignes, as claime or pretende, to haue estate, right, title, interest, vse, possession, or condition, of, in, or to the premisses, or any part or parcel thereof, by reason of anye feoffement, fine, bargain and sale, or by any other wayes, meanes, or conueighaunce to them made, of any estate of enheritaunce, without the saide late kynges licence, assent, consent, or agreement, and without the licence, assent, or agrement, of p kinges Maiestie that nowe is, by any of the saide Deanes, maisters, Wardeines, ministers, gouernours, rulers, priests, or incumbentes, or by the Foundours, donours, or patrones of them, or of anye of them, all suche right, title, clayme, possession, interest, rentes, annuities, commodities, commons, offices, fees, leases, liueries, liuinges, pencions, portions, debtes, dueties, and other profites, which they, or any of the lawfully haue, or of right ought to haue, or might haue had, in, of, or to anye of the premisses, or in, of, or to any part or parcel therof, in suche like maner, fourme and condition, to all ententes, respectes, constructions, and purposes, as if this act had neuer been had nor made, and as though the said Chauntries, colleges, and other the sayde promotions, had still continued and remained in their full being: and sauing to all and euerye Patrone, donour, foundour, or gouernour of any such college, Chauntrie, free chappel, Stipendary priestes, and other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kyng by this act, and the donour, feoffoure, and geuer of the aforesaide landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to them, or anye of them, or to anye vses, or purposes before mentioned, all suche rentes, seruices, rentes serue, rentes charge, fees, annuities, profits, and offices: and also lease for terme of life, lyues, and yeres, whereupon the accustomed rent, or more, is reserued, as they, or any of them lawfully had, perceiued, and enioyed, in, out, or of any the sayd promotions, or out of any of the sayde landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, before the first day of this present parliament.

And ouer that, it is ordeined and enacted by the auctholitie of this present parliament, that all and euery persone and persons, beinge in life, which haue, or hath for any some of money to him or the, payed, bargained, or solde, any Manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes aforesaide, whereunto the kyng our souereigne lord is intituled, by vertue of this acte, shall repaye to suche persone, as so bought any of the sayde Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, or to hys Executours or assignes, vpon a request therfore made, or within three Monethes, then nexte ensuing the same requeste, as much money, as he, or they receiued, for the sale of any thing, so by hym or them solde,

And for none payment therof, such persone and persones as purchased, or bought the sayde landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parcell therof, and their executours and administratours, shalbee enhabled by thauctorite of thys present parlament, to sue, and maintain an action of debt at the common lawes of thys realme, against such person or persones, as so bargained or solde to hym or thē, or to their testatour anye of the premisses, belonging to any college, chauntrie, free chapel, or other promotion spirituall, in which action of debte, none essoine, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

And bee it further enacted by the auctherite aforesayde, that all, and euery of the saide chauntries, colleges, & freechapells, and other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kyng by thys acte, and all the mansion houses, manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer they be, geuen, limitted, & appointed to the kyng by thys acte, and euery parte and parcell of thē whiche by auctherite and vertue of thys acte, been vested, adiudged, & demed, or shalbe in the kynges maiesties possession & handes, or whiche the kyng shalbe entitled vnto, by vertue of thys acte, shalbe in the order, survaye and gouernaunce of our soueraign lord the kynges courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of his crowne, or in suche other court as the kyng at anye time hereafter shall assigne, name, or appointe, and so shall, and may be graunted, letten, and sette to the farme by the Chauncellour, officers, and ministres of the same courte, or of any other courte so to bee appointed, in suche maner and fourme, as other manoures, landes, tenementes, appointed to the same courte of Augmentations, and reuenues of hys graces Crowne, or other court so to be appointed, ben to bee graunted or letten: And that all the farmes, issues, reuenues and profites, comming & growing of the same premisses, and of euerye parte thereof, shalbe taken and receiued to the kynges vse, by the officers and ministers of the same court or courtes, in such maner and fourme, as is vsed and had of other manours, landes, and tenements, & of the issues, reuenues, and profits of the same, committed to the order, rule, survay, and gouernance of the sayd court of the Augmentations and reuenues of the kyngs crowne, or any other court so to bee appointed: any act, statute, ordinaunce, custome, or vse, herretofore had, made, or vsed, to the cōtrary notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by auctherite aforesayde, that if any of the saide Maisters, Wardeins, Ministers, Rulers, Gouernours, Priestes, Incumbentes, or owners of any suche college, chauntrie, free chappell, or of any the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kyng by this acte, or of any of them, sithens the xviii. day of Nouembre, in the xxxvii. yere of the reigne of þ said late kyng, haue made any lease, vnder hys or their common Seale, or otherwise, for terme of yeres, lyfe, or lyues, of their sayde colleges, chauntries, freechapells, or of other the same pre-

milles, or of any part thereof, or of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, to them, or to any of them, united, or annexed, belonging, or appertayninge, vpon the whiche leasses, the vsual and olde rentes and fermes, accustomed to bee yelden and reserued, or more, by the space of xx. yeres next before the saide xxiii. daye of Nouembre, not reserued and yelden, shalbe vtterly voide and of none effecte: and that all other leasses and graunte, heretofore made of any the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kynge by thys acte, shalbe as good, auaileable, and effectual in the law, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if this act had neuer been had, or made, any thing in this act, or any other act hertofore had or made, to the contrary thereof, in anye wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, & be it further ordeined & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thys acte, or any thing therein conteined, shall not extende to anye manours, lands, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes, whiche the saide Maisters, wardeins, Ministres, Chauntrie priestes, Incumbentes, or other the sayde Gouernours, Officers, ministers, or rulers of the premisses, or of anye of them, hath, or is, or hereafter shal haue, or bee possessed, or seased of in fee simple, fee taile general or special for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, or otherwise, to hys or theire owne proper vses, by enheritaunce, or purchase: and not beinge at anye time vnited, or annexed, to hys or theire saide Colleges, Free chappels, Chauntries, or other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kynge by thys acte: nor shall extende to anye Manoures, landes, tenementes, possessions, rentes, annuities, and yereiye pencion, or pencions, or to any yereiye summe, or summes of money, being not vnited, or parcell of any the sayde Colleges, and other the premisses aforesayde, or of anye of the heretofore geuen or graunted by the saide late kyng, or geuen or graunted, or hereafter to be geuen or granted by the kyng our souereigne lord, to any of the said Deanes, Maisters, wardeins, Ministers, Chauntrie priestes, Incumbentes, gouernours, or rulers of the premisses, or of any of them, for terme of lyfe onely, vnder hys greate Seale of England, or vnder the Seale of the Courte of the Augmentations, and reuenues of the kynges crowne, or any other of the kynges seales, of any of hys courtes: Any thing conteined in thys act, to the cõtrary in anye wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alway, and bee it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that al wel, all and euery patrone, Donour, Founder, and gener of any of the saide promotions, or premisses, or gener, donour, or feoffer, of any their Landes, Tenementes, Possessions, or other hereditamentes, as all and euerye persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, whiche before the making of thys Acte, lawfullye without fraude or couine, had, or enioyed any maner of rente, or other yerelye profites, to bee taken, perteined, or had, of any Chauntries, colleges, free chappelles, or other the

premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kyng by thys acte, or oute of anye Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other possessions of them, or any of them shall haue and enioy the same, in like maner and fourme, as they should and ought to haue doen, if the saide colleges, chauntries, free chappelles, and other the premisses geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kynge by thys acte, had still remained and continued in esse, and full being: any thing in thys act mentioned to the contrary in anye wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf anye suche gouernour, ruler, warden, maister, incumbent, minister, or other hauing any of the said spiritual promotions, or incumbentes, haue, or shal compounde for the first fruites of any such spirituall promotions, accordinge to the lawes and statutes of thys Realme, and the dayes of payment of any part therof, not expired before the first day of thys parlament, that all summes of money so to bee due and payable sithens the sayd first daye of thys parlament, shall ceasse, and bee not payd, asked, or demaunded: any bonde, recognisaunce, suertie, or other thing had, or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all suche rentes, seruices, issues, profites, and other summes of money payable out, of, or for any of the premisses, or any of thē, in the kyngs courte of hys Exchequer, shall continue, and be continually and yerelye leuied, charged, or paied in the same courte, in suche maner and fourme, as hertofore hath ben vsed: any lawe, custome, vnitie of possession in the kynges hyghnesse, or other thing to the contrary notwithstanding: And as though the said promotions, Manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses had not come to the kyngs handes or possession.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery letters patentes made by the said late king Henry the eight, or by the kyngs maiestie that now is, or hereafter to be made by hys hyghnes, to any persone or persones, or to any archbishoppe, or bishoppe, of any of the saide colleges, chauntries, free chappelles, or other the premisses, or any part or parcel of them, or of any landes, tenements or hereditamentes, belonging or appertaining, or that did belong, or apperteine to thē, or to anye of them: And all fines, giftes, grauntes, feoffements, recoueries, and all other assurances and conueighaunces therof had or made, by the assent, consent, or licence, vnder the great Seale of Englande, of the sayde late kynge Henrye the eighte, or of the kynges Maiestie that now is, to anye persone or persones, bodies politike or corporate, by any Chauntrie preist, Maister, warden, minister, ruler, gouernour, or other hauinge anye of the sayde promotions, of anye of the sayde Colleges, chauntries, free chappels, or other the premisses, or of any of them, or of any part, parcell, or membre of the same, shall stande and bee in their force, and effectes, and shalbee good and effectual in the lawe, for suche

eſtatutes and intereſtes, geuen, graunted, limitted, or appointed in any of the ſyftes, graunteſ, aſſurances, or conueighances therof had or made, according to their purpoſtes, fourme & maner, and according to the true entent and meaning of the ſame aſſurances, and ſhalbee by auctoritie of thys acte, good, parfite, and anaileable, aſwel againſt the kynge, hys heires and ſucceſſours, as againſt the ſaide chauntrie prieſtes, ordeins, maiſters, rulers, gouernours, and other hauing any of the ſayde promotions, and their ſucceſſours, and the ſucceſſours of euery of them: as alſo againſt the foundours, donours, and patrones of the ſame, & the ordinary of them, and euery of them, and the heires and ſucceſſoures of euery of them: any lawe, ſtatute, ordinaunce, or other thing, to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

And where diuers and ſundrye Biſhoppes, Deanes, Archedeacones, Treaſaurours, Prebendaries, Chauntrie prieſtes, maiſters, prouoſtes, Rulers, Gouernours of anye Deaneries, Archedeaneries, Treaſouroſhippes, Prebendes, freechappels, Chauntries, or Colleges, within this realme of England, and other the kynges Maieſties dominions, or any of the patrones, foundours, donours of any of the Biſhoprickes, Treaſaurourſhippes, Deaneries, Chauntries, free chappels, or other the ſaid Spiritual promotions, of their voluntary willes or mindes, for diuers good and reaſonable cauſes and conſiderations, by deede or deedes enrolled, or by other writinges, or conueighaunees heretofore geuen and graunted to the late king of famous memory Henry the eight, late king of Englād, & to hys heyrs, or to our ſouereigne lord the kyng that now is, and to hys heires, diuers of their Deaneries, Archedeaneries, Treaſauroſhippes, Prebendes, Chappelles, Chauntries, & colleges, or anye other eccleſiaſticall or ſpirituall promotions laſt before remembred and all, or ſome part of the Manoures, landes, tenementes, tithes, pencions, annuities, rentes, reuerſions, and other reuenues, hereditamentes, poſſeſſions, emolumentes and profites, to the ſame Biſhoprikes, deaneries, colleges, and other like promotions, benefices, offices, & Dignities, or to any of them belonging, apperteining, vnited, or annexed, or whiche the ſaide biſhoppes, deanes, archedeacons, treaſauroꝛs, chauntrie prieſtes, maiſters, prouoſtes, rulers, gouernours, and other Eccleſiaſticall, or ſpiritual officers or miniſters, or any of the ſaid patrones, donours, or foundours, or any of them had, or enioyed in the right, or by reaſon of any of the ſame promotions, offices, or dignities.

Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that all and euery gyftes, and grauntes heretofore made to the ſaid late kyng, and to hys heires, or to our ſouereigne lord the kyng that now is, and to hys heirs, by any Archebiſhoppe, Biſhoppe, Deane, Archedeacon, Treaſaurour, Prebendary, Maiſter, Prouoſt, gouernoure, or other the ſaide Eccleſiaſticall or ſpiritual perſone or perſons, or by any patrones, donour, or foundour of

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any of the said Deaneries, Chauntries, or other of the sayd spirituall, or Ecclesiastical promotions, or of all, or any of the manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, rentes, reuersions, pencions, portions, annuities, or other hereditamentes, reuenues, emolumentes, profites, or commodities, to any of the said benefices, offices, prebendes, promotions, or dignities belonging, appertaining, united, or annexed, or whiche any of the same archebishoppes, Bishoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons, Treasurours, Maisters, Prouostes, Prebendaries, Rulers, Gouernours, Officers, or Ministers, Patrones, Foundours, or Donours had, or enioyed, or haue, or enioye, or ought to haue or enioye, in the righte, or by reason, or meanes of any of the same promotions, offices, or dignities, shalbe good & effectuall in the lawe, to all ententes and purposes: Saiuing to all and euery persone and persones, and bodies politike and corporate, their heires, successours, and assignes, and to the heires, successours, and assignes of euery of them, other then the Archebishops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, treasaurours, prebendaries, rulers, gouernoures, wardeines, prouostes, geuours, and grauntours of any of the premisses, & their heires, successours, and assignes, and other then suche ecclesiasticall, or spirituall persones, bodies politike or corporate, as are, or pretende to bee foundoures, donours, patrons, or ordinaries of the premisses, or any of them, all such rightes, titles, interestes, claimes, entrees, rentes, reuersions, remainders, fees, offices, annuities, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, as they or any of them haue, or should, or ought to haue had, of, in, or to the premisses next aboue mẽtioned, or any part therof, as if this act had neuer ben had, or made, any thing in thys act to the contrary in anye wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that thys acte, or any thing therin conteined, shall not in any wise extende to make good or effectuall, any gyft, graunt, bargain, sale, or alienation made by anye person, or Vicare of theire Personages, or Vicarages, or of any part or parcell thereof, or of any thing to them, or any of them belonging or appertaining.

Prouided also, that thys acte, or any thing therein conteined, shall not in any wise extende, to hinder or preiudice George Brooke knight, lord Cobhã, his heires, or assignes, for, or cõcerninge the late college of Cobham, in the Countie of Kente, or the Manours, landes, tenementes, or possessions therof: any thing aboue mentioned to ỳ contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, by the authoritie aforesaid, that this present acte, or any thing therein conteined, shall in any wise extende, or be preiudicial or hurtful to the generall corporatiõ of any citie, borough, or Towne, within thys realme, or anye other the kynges dominiõs, nor shall extende to anye the landes, or hereditamentes, of them, or anye of them: Any thing herein conteined, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Pzouided also, and be it enacted by the auctho̱itie afo̱esaide, that all
such of the saide colleges, free chappels, chauntries, and other the pre-
misses, being appointed and geuen to the kyngs hyghnesse, by the aucto-
ritie of thys act, as be within the Duchie of Lancaster, & all manoures,
Landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes, pertening o̱ belonging to
the same colleges, free chappels, and chauntries, shall after the said feast
of Easter nexte comming, be within the suruey & o̱der of the courte of
the Duchie of Lancastre, in such maner and fourme, as other the pre-
misses bee assigned o̱ appointed by auctho̱itie of thys acte, to be in the
surueye and o̱der of the Court of the Augmentations and reuenues of
the kynges crowne, o̱ other court by the kyng to be assigned: and that
all commissions, that hereafter shalbe awarded by vertue & fo̱ce of this
acte, concerning such colleges, free chappels, chauntries, and other the
premisses, as bee within the said Duchie of Lancastre, shalbe awarded
vnder the great seale of England, & shalbe certified into the same courte
of the Duchie of Lancastre: any thing aboue said to the contrary in any
wise notwithstanding.

Pzouided alwayes, & bee it enacted by the auctho̱itie afo̱esayde, that
this acte, ne any thing therein contained, shall extende to the College, o̱
chauntrie of Attpbourghe in the countie of Nozffolke, which the sayde
late king Henry the eight gaue to Robart, late Earle of Suffer, & to his
heire: but that Henry now Earle of Suffer, sonne and heire to the said
late Erle, hys heires and assignes, shall, & maye, by thauctho̱itie of thys
acte, haue and enioy the sayde college, and chauntrie, and all Manours,
Landes, Tenementes, aduowsons, tithes, pencions, po̱tions, and other
hereditaments thereunto belonging o̱ appertaining: any thing in this
acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Pzouided alwayes, and by the auctho̱itie afo̱esaide, bee it enacted, that
the kynges Maiestie, at any tyme, when it shal seeme to hym good, may
geue auctho̱itie to certain hys graces commissioners, to alter the nature
and condition of all maner of Obites, aswell within the vniuersities of
Cambridge and Oxfo̱de, as in any other place, within thys hys graces
realme of Englande and Wales, being not suppressed ne annichilate by
vertue of thys present acte, and the same Obites so altered, to dispose to
a better vse, as to the releefe of some poo̱e men being studentes, o̱ other-
wise.

Pzouided also, and be it enacted by auctho̱itie afo̱esaide, that it shal
not be lefull to any persone o̱ persones, bodies politike o̱ co̱porate, by
reason of anye remainder, vse, o̱ condition, to enter into, clayme, o̱ chal-
lenge any landes, tenementes, o̱ hereditamentes, fo̱ the none doynge,
not naming, o̱ none finding of anye such priest o̱ priestes, o̱ poo̱e fol-
kes, as is afo̱esaide, obite, anniuersary, light o̱ lampe, from henceforth
to be founden o̱ doen: any thing herein conteined, to the co̱trary in any
wise notwithstanding.

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Prouided alwayes, that thys act, nor any thing therin conteined shal in any wise extende to any landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer, that any maister, Deane, Prebendary, warden, or chauntrie, or any Stipendary priest of any college, chauntrie, prebende, fraternitie, guylde, or any other corporations haue, or holde of any persone or persones, by copie of courte rolle, or at will, according to the custome of any manour or manours: nor graue or graunt any copyhold landes to the kynges highnesse.

And also prouided, that the kynges highnes, his heires, or successours, shall not in any wise haue, holde, enioy, or take by vertue of thys acte, or any article therin conteined, any maner of copyhold landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be: but that all & euery of the saide persones and incumbentes shall haue, holde, and enioye the same, during their liues, towardes their porcion and perely liuing, paying the rentes, and doing their customes and seruices therof due & accustomed: any thing in thys acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided, that thys act shall not extende to any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes assigned, appointed, or intended for the findinge, or maintenaunce of anye chauntrie priest, or stipendary priest, whiche by any former right, and good title, without fraude or couine, were lawfully recouered from the possession of any such chauntrie priest, or stipendarie priest, before the first day of October: the saide statute, pere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, whiche landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes were not charged, nor chargeable to the paiment of the perpetual tenthe: any thing in thys act, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all and singular graunts, licences, confirmations, & letters Patentes, whiche our late soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eight, or our soueraign lord the kyng that nowe is, haue made vnder the great seale of England to any persone or persones, bodies politike or corporate, of anye college, chappel, or chauntrie nowe being in esse, or standing, or now not beinge in esse, or not standing, or of any lordshippes, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belonging, or appertaining to any college, chappell, or chauntrie now being in esse, or standing, or now not being in esse, or not standing, or of anye other thing or thinges mentioned, expressed, or conteined in any such graunt, licence, confirmation, or letters patentes, shall from henceforth bee demed, taken, expouned, & adiudged good and effectual in the lawe, according to the wordes, sentences, meaninges, ententes, fourme, and effectes of the same grauntes, licences, confirmations, and letters patentes, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if thys acte, and the sayde acte made in the sayde xxvii. yere of the said late kyng Henry the eight, had neuer ben had, nor

made. And that this act, or the said act made in the sayde xxvbii. yere of the reigne of our said late soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eight, or any clause, article, sentence, or other thing therein conteined, shal not extende to any Colleges, Chappels, Chauntries, or other thing or thinges mentioned in this act, now being in esse, or standing, or now not being in esse, or not standing, or to any manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, reuenues, or hereditamentes, annexed, united, belonging, or appertayninge to any College, Chappell, Chauntrie, or other thing mentioned in this act now being in esse or standing, or now not being in esse, or not standing, or to any other thing or thinges, mentioned, or expressed in this Acte: which the any persone or persones, bodies politike or corporate haue had, or obteined, by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters Patentes of the said late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that now is: nor shall extende to any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Reuennes, possessions, hereditamentes, or other thing or thinges, mentioned, expressed, or conteined in any such licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters patentes: but that euerye suche persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, their heires & successours and assignes, and the heires, successoures, and assignes of euery of them, shall haue, holde, and enioy, all and euerye the same colleges, chappels, Chauntries, Manours, landes, Tenementes, Reuennes, possessions, and Hereditamentes, and all and euerye other thing and things whatsoeuer, so by them had or obteined, by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters Patentes of the sayde late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that now is, according to the

woordes, sentences, forme, effecte, meaning, and entent of the same lycences, confirmations, grauntes, and Letters Patentes: this acte, or the sayde acte made in the sayd xxvbii. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, or any clause, article, sentence, matter, or thing mencioned, expressed, or conteined in any of the same actes, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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¶ An acte concerninge the kynges most gratious generall Pardone.

¶ The xv. Chapiter.

THe kynges moste Royal Maiestie right well perceiuing hys louing subiectes by many and sundry waies and meanes, to haue borne & sustained the great aduentures, charges, and businesse of warres, & defences of thys hys realme, aswel in the tyme of his moste dere father kyng Henry the eight, as in his tyme and reigne, entending of hys clemencie and pitie to gratifye hys sayd subiectes with his gratious free and liberall pardon, according to hys kyngly power, trusting assuredly that his said subiectes will continue hys louing & assured obedient subiects, & hereafter in such sort obey hys highnesse lawes & statutes, as to thē, and euery of thē of right appertaineth: is fully and resolutelye contented & pleased, that it bee enacted by auctoritie of thys present parliament, in maner & fourme folowing, that is to say, that all and euerye of hys said subiectes, aswell spirituall as temporall, of thys hys realme of Englande, Wales, the Iles of Jerneseye and Garneseye, Barwicke, Calcis, Guisnes, Hammes, Bulleyn, and Bullonoys, and the marches of the same, the heires, successours, executours, and administratours of them and euery of thē, and all and singular bodies in any maner of wise corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tithings, and euery of them, and the successour and successoures of euerye of them, shalbe by the auctoritie of thys present Parlamente, acquited, pardoned, released and discharged againste the kynges highenes, hys heires, successoures, and executours, and euerye of them, of all maner of Treasons, Heresies, Felonies, Robberies, offentes, Contemptes, Trespasses, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forfeitures, penalties, and profites, summes of money, peines of death, peines corporall and peruniarie, and all other thinges, causes, quereles, suites, iudgementes, and executions, which may be, or can be by hys highnesse in anye wise, or by any meane pardoned, before, and vnto the xii. daye of Decembre, in the yere of oure Lord God a M.CCCCC.xlvii. Other then suche as hereafter in thys acte bee excepted or foreprised, in such maner and fourme, and vnto such times as they be excepted or foreprised in thys act: and other then such as the clauses or prouisos hereafter mentioned, doth extende vnto. And also the kinges highnesse is further contented and pleased, that it bee enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parlament, that thys hys said free pardone shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to euery of hys sayde subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euerye of them, by the saide generall

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wordes before rehearsed in all thinges which bee not hereafter in this present act excepted or forprised, as the same pardon shoulde haue been, if all offences, contemptes, forfeitures, causes, matters, sutes, quereles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, nor conteined in any clause of prouiso heraster mentioned, had been, particularly, singularly, specially, and plainely named, rehearsed, & specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names, in their kyndes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requisite, to haue ben put in, and expressed in this present act of free pardone: and that his sayd subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heires, executours or administratours of any of them, nor any of the said bodies corporate, nor any other persons, bodies politike or corporat before named, or any of them, bee, nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquited in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattalles, for any maner matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfeiture, trespasse, offence, or any other thing, suffred, doen or committed against his highnes, his crown, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe or statutes, but onely for suche matters, causes, and offences, as bee rehearsed in the exceptions and clauses of prouiso, in this present act hereafter mentioned, in suche maner and fourme as in the same exceptiõs & clauses of prouiso be mentioned, and for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses, or president heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrarye in any wise notwithstanding.

Also the kynges highnesse, of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present parlament, graunteth and freely geueth to euery of his sayde subiectes, and to euerye of the said bodies corporate and other before rehearsed, and to euery of them, all suche goodes, cattalles, debtes, fines, illues, profites, amerciamentes, forfeitures and summes of money by anye of them forfeitted, which to his highnes doe, or shoulde belong or appertain by reason of any offence, contẽpt, trespasse, misdemeanour, matter, cause, or querrie suffred, doen or committed by them, or anye of them, whiche be not hereafter forprised or excepted in this present act. And that all and euery the kynges sayde subiectes, and all and singuler bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, maye by hym or themselfe, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their attorney, or attorneyes, accordinge to the lawes of this Realme, pleade and minister this present act of free pardon for his or their discharge, of, & for euerye thing, that is by vertue of this present act pardoned, discharged, geuen, or graunted without any fee or other thing, in anye wise payinge to anye person or persons, for writing, or entrie of the iudgement, or other cause cõcerning such plee, writing or entrie, but onely xii.d. to bee payed to the officer or clerke that shall entre the plee, matter or iudgemẽt, for the discharge of any the partie so pleading the same: anye statute, or vse, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And furthermore, the kynges highnesse is contented and pleased, that

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it be enacted, by the auctho̅ritie of thys p̅sent parliament, that his sayd free pardone, by the general woo̅rdes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, demed, and adiudged, allowed, and taken in all maner of courtes, & elswhere, aswell in the woo̅rdes and clauses of exceptions and forep̅ises specified in thys p̅sent act, as in all and singuler other clauses, wo̅rde, and sentences, mentioned and rehearsed in thys hys sayde free pardone most beneficially and auaileably, to all and singular hys saide subiectes, bodies co̅rporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euery of thē, in all thinges ambiguous, o̅r doubtfull, and moste strongly in Barre, and discharge against hys hyghnesse, hys heires, successoures, and executours, in euery thing, without any obstacle, challenge, o̅r other delay, whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected, o̅r alleged by ꝑ king our souereigne lo̅rd, his heirs, successours, o̅r executours, o̅r by his, o̅r any of their general attorney, o̅r attourneys, o̅r by any persone o̅r persons, for hys hyghenes, o̅r any of hys heires, successours, o̅r executours.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the kyng our Souereigne Lo̅rd, by auctho̅ritie of this p̅sent parliament, that yf any officer o̅r clerke, of any of hys hyghnesse courtes, commonly called the kynges benche, Chauncery, & Common place, o̅r of hys Exchequer, o̅r any other officer o̅r clerke of any other court within thys realme, o̅r in Wales, o̅r other the kynges dominions aboue mentioned, at any tyme after the twentie daye of January next comminge, which shalbe in the yere of our Lo̅rde God a.M.CCCCC.xlvii. make out, o̅r write out any maner writtes, o̅r other p̅cesse, o̅r any extractes, so̅mmons, o̅r other p̅ceptes, whereby anye of the sayde subiectes, o̅r anie of the sayde bodies co̅rporate, o̅r other before rehearsed, o̅r any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, so̅mmoned, o̅r otherwise vexed, inquieted, o̅r grieued in his o̅r theire bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, o̅r cattalles, o̅r in any of thē, for, o̅r because of any maner of thing pardoned o̅r discharged, by vertue of this act of free pardone, he so offending, and therof lefully co̅dēpned, shal yelde and paye for the recompence therof, to the partie so grieued o̅r offended, treble damages, to bee accompted, as parcel of the damages and costes of the suite. And neuertheless, all and singular such writtes, p̅cesse, extractes and p̅ceptes so to be made, for, o̅r vpon any maner thing pardoned o̅r discharged by thys p̅sente acte of free pardone, shalbee vtterly voide and of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and forep̅ised out of thys generall and free pardō, all and all maner of hyghe Treasons, petit Treason, and misprision of Treason, doen, committed, o̅r perpetrated in any of the parties beyonde the sea, and all and all maner of Treason doen, o̅r committed in anye other place, by any persone o̅r persones, by any ouert deede, whereby any bodily hurte o̅r harme shal come, o̅r be doen to the kynges owne persone, and all suites, punishementes, execution, forfeitures and penalities, for o̅r by reason o̅r occasion of anye of the same Treasons, before excepted.

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And excepted all prepensed and voluntary murders, and also except al
ficies of actions, of Quare impedit, all raushments, and withholding of
the kynges wardes and wardes landes, and the profites of the same at
anye tyme growen to the kynges handes, or to anye of hys noble proge-
nitours, and not yet discharged, all wastes of the kynges woodes, a-
well in Parkes, Forestes, chases, and els where, and all summes of mo-
ney graunted, or promised to be payed, by waye or meane of benevolēce
or contribution not payed and contented: and all and singuler debtes, o-
ther then debtes growen vpon Recognisaunces, being alreadye forfei-
ted for suertie of the peace, good abearing, or for none apparaunce at a-
ny day or place. And excepted and forprised out of this pardon, all maner
of accoumptes, and all actions, suites, and impetitions for the same, and
all arrerages of accoimptes and debtes due for the same. And also, excep-
ted all homages, liueries, and reliefes, rentes, seruices, and arrerages of
the same, not doen, or not paied. And also excepted al debtes, which wer
due to the kynges hyghnesse, or to the sayd late kyng of famous memory
kyng Henry the eight, or to the late kyng Henry the vii. or to any person
or persons, to the vse of the kyng our souereigne lord, for of hys saide fa-
ther, or kyng Henry the vii. by anye condemnation, recognisaunce, obli-
gatiō, or otherwise. And also excepted all and singuler forfeitures being
due to our souereigne Lord the kyng, or to the sayde late kynge, by any
penal statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of debte,
by iudgement, or by agreement of the offendour, and al forfeitures, and
other penalties and profites, growen, or due by reason of any offence or
acte committed or doen, contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary
to the common lawe, wherof any seisure is made, or any information is
geuen in the kynges Exchecker, or any suite there commensed, & now de-
pending, and not yet determined: Or wherof the kynges hyghnesse, or
his sayde father, by bill assigned, or otherwise, haue made any gift or as-
signement, to any of the seruaūts of our said souereigne lord the kyng,
or of hys said father, or to any other persone or persones.

Also except and forprised out of thys free pardone, all and all maner of
forgeing, counterfecting, washing, and clipping of whatsoeuer moneye
or coyne, current in thys Realme, and the bringing into thys Realme of
any false or counterfeit moneye or coigne, made, forged, or counterfeit
out of this realme, and the vttering of any such false or counterfeict mo-
ney or coyne, had, made, done, or perpetrated, sithen the xxvii. day of Ja-
nuary last past, & all & all maner of offences, impetitions, punishements,
forfeitures, peines of deathe, iudgementes, and execution for the same.
And also, except and forprised out of thys free pardone, all and singular
fines to be had, made, or payed, by reason or meane of anye alienation,
had or made of any maneours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamē-
tes without licence, sithen the sayde xxvii. day of Januarye. Also except
& forprised out of thys free pardon, all and all maner of manslaughters,

Burgularies, roberies, of any persone or persones, in any house, or nere anye hygh waye, and wilful burninge of houses, and wilful burninge of Barnes, in whiche Barnes any corne was, at the time of such burning, and all maner of rauishmentes of any woman against her will, all felonious takyng of any money or goodes, out of any churche or chappel, al and all maner of felonious taking of any horse, gelding, or mare, and all maner of piracies and offences vpon the Sea, had, done, committed, or perpetrated, sithen the first day of August last past: and all maner of punishementes, impeticions, forfeitures, peines of deathe, Judgementes, and executions for the same. And except and forprised out of this free pardon, all & all maner of intrusions, had, made, or doen, sithen the saide xxvii. day of January last past. And except and forprised out of this free pardone, all and all maner of deceytes and offences, of all and singular moniers, and other officers, ministers, & workemen, of, or in any of the Mintes within thys realme, and all impetitions and punishementes for the same. And except and forprised out of thys free Pardone, all and all maner of decaying of any mesuage, cotage, or house, and the conuertyng of landes from tillage vnto pasture, contrary to any statute, heretofore had or made. And except and forprised the issues, reuennes, & profites of all and singular suche Mesuages, cottages, houses, and Landes, comming, arising, or growing, sithen the saide xxvii. daye of Januarye laste past. And except and forprised out of thys free pardone, all and singular collectours, or collectour of any Subsidie, fiftene, benevolence, or contribution, and other persones whatsoever, that ought to be accomptaunt, and the heirs, executours, and administratours of euery of them, of, for, and concernynge all maner of debtes, accountes, and arrerages of accountes, & all maner of concelementes of customes and subsidies, and all maner of impetitions and suites for the same. And except & forprised out of thys free pardon, all and singular persones and prisone, being the ii. daye of December, in the yere of our Lord God M.D.xviii. prisoners or prisonet, in the tower of London, & all and singular persons and persone, which at any time, before the ii. day of Decebr, did flie out of thys realme, into the parties beyond the sea, for anye treason, or misprision of treason. And except and forprised out of this free pardone, all issues, fines, and amerciamentes, affered, taxed, set, extracted, or entred seuerally or perticularly, extending to the somme of an C.s. or aboue. And that al and singular other fines, aswel fines pro licentia concordandi as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, aswell reall as other, which seuerally or perticularly, exted not to the same some of C.s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the sherife, or not taken to his charge, extracted, or not extracted, whether they be tozned into debt or not into debte, and not being leuied, nor receiued by any shirife or shirifes, bailife, ministers, or other officers, shalbe fully, clerely, and plainely pardoned, & discharged against the king our soueraigne lord, hys heirs and

and ſucceſſours for euer, by thys preſent acte of free pardone.

And bee it further enacted by the auctho̅itie aforeſayd, that in caſe it be obiected, to, or againſt any Sherif or Sheriffes, or other accomptantes in the kynges court of Eſtcheker, or in anye other hys Courtes, that anye Sherife or Sheriffes, other then officers accomptant, haue receyued or taken any ſuch fines, iſſues, or amerciamentes, by thys preſent act pardoned and acquited: that then euery ſuche Sherif and Sheriffes, & other accomptantes ſhalbe diſcharged, releaſed, pardoned, and acquited therof, by hys or their othe, without any further triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alway, that thys preſent act of free pardone, nor anye thing therein contained, in any wiſe extend to diſcharge, remit, or acquite, any perſone and perſones, for anye ſuche iſſues, fines, or amerciamentes, of one hundred ſhillinges or vnder, as any Shirife herretofore haue accoũpted, before the Barones of the kynges Ercheker, or eis where, & payed the ſame Iſſues, Fines, and Amerciamentes, vpon hys or their ſaid accoumpte, determined to the kyngs vſe, and hath hys or their quietus eſt for the ſame.

Prouided alway, and bee it enacted, by the auctho̅itie of thys preſent parlament, that all and euery perſone and perſones, which haue tended or ought to ſue liuery out of the kyngs handes, of any Manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes whatſoeuer they bee, ſhall ſue hys or their liuerie and liueries, out of the kynges handes, of hys or their Manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes: any article, acte or actes, thing or thinges, in thys preſent acte of generall and free pardone, comprized and ſpecified, to the contrarye notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, & bee it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforeſaide, that it ſhalbe lefull to all and euery clerke, and other officer of any of the kynges Courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vtlagarum, at the ſuite of the partie pleintife, to the entente to compel the defendaunt and defendauntes, to make anſwere to the plaintife, at whoſe ſuite he was outlawed. And that euery perſone now being outlawed, ſhal ſue a writ of Scire facias againſt the partie or parties, at whoſe ſuite he was outlawed before, hys pardone in that behalfe ſhalbe allowed to hym, that ſo is outlawed.

God ſaue the Kyng.

¶Excuſum Londini, in ædibus Richardi Graftoni,
Regii Impreſſoris,

¶Cum priuilegio ad imprimendum ſolum.